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Cronje Is In Distress.

British Artillery Shelling at the Rear and French's Cavalry Ahead.

If Free State Army Escape They Must Sacrifice Most of Their Equipment.

Roberts' Advance Under Trying Circumstances But Cost Comparatively Light.

By Associated Press.

London, Feb. 18.—The Daily News publishes the following dated Sunday morning, February 18, from Modder River:

"Our sudden appearance seems to have astounded the enemy and thrown them into a panic. All their position were hurriedly evacuated and the guns at Magerfontein and Kimberley were left behind.

"Gen. Cronje moved his transport, consisting of many hundreds of wagons, along the kopjes near Modder River towards Koffyfontein. It got past our mounted infantry, but owing to weariness had to stop. Thereupon our artillery opened upon it.

"The main body of the Boer force kept up a running fight the whole day, trying to escape. Each time their advance guard sought to move off, our mounted infantry galloped round and checked them. We never attempted to stop their main movement, contenting ourselves with trying to check them.

"Their position at Koffyfontein is said to be very strong. They entertain a wholesome dread of 10,000 cavalry moving more quickly than they do themselves. We hope to be in Bloemfontein shortly."

The Daily News has another despatch from the Modder River military camp, dated Sunday morning, which says:

"At dawn on Friday the Boers were observed moving wagons along the kopjes towards Koffyfontein. Our infantry was sent out of Klip Drift, but was driven back, and the enemy's wagons passed. Gen. Cronje's Twelfth Brigade, however, quickly attacked the enemy's main body, and severe fighting went on all day over a line which was very extended, the enemy making a desperate attempt finally escaped owing to the serpentine bend of the river.

"The mounted infantry suffered from the trying flank movement. Our force now been reinforced."

SUFFERING IN RETREAT.

Jacobson, Orange Free State, Feb. 17.—Further details of the Boer retreat show that the enemy have been fighting a good rear guard action and occupying successive kopjes, in order to allow the moving of the convoy, which, however, has been going at a very slow pace, the animals being apparently dead beat.

The latest reports show that the Boers in the neighborhood of Klipdrift are undoubtedly dispersed.

Gen. French's magnificent march is still the subject of admiration, and especially in view of the dust storm, that all experienced.

The work of shelling the Boers has proceeded rapidly. Owing to the style of the action the Boers are bound to show in the open whenever they are obliged to leave the kopjes.

ADMIRABLE PLANNED.

Jacobson, Orange Free State, Friday, Feb. 16.—Lord Roberts' combination for the movements of the corps dovetailed with precision, although obstacles that had not been foreseen had to be overcome. The execution of his design began at 3 a.m. Sunday. General French rode into Kimberley Thursday afternoon, just when he was due according to the Field Marshal's time-table, having in four and a half days, marched ninety miles with artillery and having fought two small engagements.

The relief of Kimberley was accomplished with the loss of only fifty men. The 20,000 infantry made splendid marches under a sub-tropical sun, and through a dust storm to hold the positions which Gen. French took. Lord Kitchener was with Gen. Tucker's division. In consequence of his transport arrangements the four divisions moving over the sandy veldt are fed and watered.

A TRYING MARCH.

It is hardly possible to appreciate adequately the mathematical precision with which every part of the transport department has worked—marching throughout the day, toiling almost sleeplessly throughout the night, victualling the army and evolving every hour results from seeming chaos. Everybody did as well as was expected of him, cheerfully, though endearing frightful fatigues. Few slept more than three hours.

The battalions hour after hour tramped through the sand uncompromising, and when now and then a man fell out of the ranks exhausted, he would rejoin his company later after he had rested. Some 50 or 60 were overcome by the heat and had to be sent to the rear in the backward dulle of empty wagons.

The rapidity of Lord Roberts' movements away from his base has solved one of the problems, perhaps the chief problem of the war. He and Lord Kitchener have created a mobile force, able to move in exterior lines, and the Boers themselves, so wonderfully mobile.

FRENCH BARS THEIR PATH.

London, Feb. 20, 12:30 a.m.—The war office at midnight announced that it had nothing further for the public from South Africa.

In the lobbies of the House of Commons last evening, however, it was rumored that Gen. Cronje's army was surrounded, that Gen. French had got between the Boers forces and Bloemfontein and that he was only awaiting reinforcements to close in on the enemy. No confirmation of this rumor is obtainable although the general idea is that the government has received important despatches.

The Guards have occupied the outer positions at Magerfontein.

Second Canaigians Have Arrived.

Cape Town, Feb. 18.—The British steamer Laurentian, Captain Nunan, which sailed from Halifax January 21 with the first artillery section of the Canadian contingent of troops for service against the Boers, arrived at this port to-day.

The troops were welcomed by Major John Hanbury Williams, military secretary to the Governor of Cape Colony and British Commissioner, Sir Alfred Milner, on behalf of His Excellency.

Hutton's Offence.

Premier Says Departing General Was Insubordinate and Indiscreet.

Wants It Understood That Minister Is Wholly Supreme In Department.

Census of Dawson -- Chinese Head Tax--Precautions Against Plague.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave a tart answer this afternoon about Gen. Hutton's departure. He characterized Hutton's recent speech as irresponsible, and saying that the General asserted that his differences with the government were due to a desire on the part of the latter to exercise improper political influence on the militia, he continued:

"I desire to say that there is absolutely no foundation for the statement. The causes of the difference between the government and Gen. Hutton were not over broad questions of general policy, but because Gen. Hutton was insubordinate and indiscreet, and deliberately ignored the authority of the minister. While the government are prepared to give the most careful consideration to any representations made by the officer commanding the militia, it must be distinctly understood that any such officer, on accepting the position in question, becomes from that time an officer in the employment of and subject in all respects to the government, and is regarded as an adviser of, but not as entitled to control the department of militia. The government is responsible to the parliament and people of Canada for the due administration of every branch of the public service, and cannot permit any subordinate official, under any circumstances, to take upon himself to disregard instructions he may receive from the constitutional chief of the department." Sir Wilfrid added that a communication regarding Gen. Hutton had been sent to the Imperial authorities. He was not prepared to say what it was.

Sir Richard Cartwright said the government were considering the question of increasing the Chinese head tax.

Mr. Sifton announced that the estimated population of Dawson is 4,445.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the report of Mr. Clute on labor difficulties has not yet been received.

The number of Chinese entering last year was 4,360.

Mr. Mulock said that the government had sent energetic protests to-day against any concessions to the Eastern Extension Company.

Col. Prior called attention to the increase in bubonic plague in Honolulu, and trusted that the government would see that the quarantine officers of British Columbia took every precaution with regard to vessels coming from the affected islands.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he would communicate Col. Prior's representations to the department.

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Special to the Colonist.

Montreal, Feb. 19.—J. Grant, a Manitoba farmer who voted for Greenway, renews his subscription to the Witness, with the following statement added:

"I have been an ardent supporter of the Liberal party for over thirty years. I hope to continue, as I believe the Liberal policy, even with its defects, is preferable to Conservative rule, but I say candidly that Laurier has to change his advisers in this province if he wishes to carry it at the coming Dominion elections.

"The recent appointment to the Senate would lead us to believe he does not yet grasp the situation. The appointment of defeated politicians to all vacancies in the Senate is not in accordance with the views of the Liberal party. The late Minister of Public Works was not a success in provincial politics. He was badly defeated at the late election and should have been relegated to private life, instead of being promoted to the Senate."

BARRENTINE FROM HAWAII

Did Not Call at Quarantine and Refused Landing by Authorities at Nanaimo.

Nanaimo, Feb. 19.—The tug Baydon towed the barkentine Ruth into port this afternoon. The Ruth is from Mahokona, Hawaiian islands. She did not call at quarantine at William Head, and the customs authorities will not allow her to land. The captain reports the crew all well, and there has been no sickness on board during the voyage. The collier Mincola arrived from Port Los Angeles yesterday morning for a cargo of coal, and sailed this afternoon for the same port.

CALLING ON THE COLONIES.

London, Feb. 19.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Wyndham, parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, declared that the government proposed to invite an expression of opinion from the colonial governments regarding the re-organization of forces of the Empire and kindred questions.

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Protest at Their Use of Senate as Refuge for Defeated Politicians.

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Buller Keeps Them Moving.

Cautious Steady Advance on Boer Position With Light Loss to British.

Several Laagers Abandoned and Enemy's Artillery Quiet-- Leaving Ladysmith.

Chieveley, Wednesday, Feb. 14 (delayed by censor).—The movement northward began this (Wednesday) morning. Lord Dondonald, with cavalry, infantry and artillery, occupied Huzzar Hill, five miles north of Chieveley. The infantry entrenched the hill. Gen. Lytton worked around to the right and Sir Charles Warren in front and to the left. The Boers were heavily entrenched on Hlangwane and Monte Cristo hills. A steady, independent fire with occasional volleys was maintained for some hours, and the enemy's trenches were vigorously shelled. The Boers had one gun in action during the early part of the day, but when we began shelling they moved across the river. They used one Nordenfiedt in the afternoon. Our casualties were few.

Ladysmith, Thursday, Feb. 15 (by helicopter and native runner, via Chieveley).—Dr. Jameson has the fever. The heat is tremendous but the morale of the camp is excellent.

Major Dovett's wife, who was given a safe conduct through the Boer lines has arrived here to nurse her husband.

Ladysmith, Saturday, Feb. 17 (by helicopter, via Weenen).—Major Dovett died Wednesday, February 17.

Frere Camp, Feb. 16.—The Boers have abandoned several laagers. General Buller renewed the bombardment of the Boer position without eliciting a reply. Another new move is regarded as imminent.

Ladysmith, Feb. 17 (by helicopter, via Weenen).—The Boers have been very active here during the past few days and are evidently making a move somewhere. The garrison were greatly delighted to learn of the relief of Kimberley. They are in excellent spirit and fit for anything.

Chieveley, Sunday, Feb. 18.—The country is thickly wooded. The British operations are directed to the capture of Hlangwane Hill, where the Boers are strongly fortified and from which they are shelling the British with great accuracy.

The British infantry are now disposed along a line extending for seven miles on the small kopjes at the base of Monte Cristo Hill. From 6 Friday morning the British incessantly shelled Monte Cristo with the nek separating it from Blaau Krantz Hill on the right.

The British infantry is making slow progress up the nek in the endeavor to occupy Monte Cristo, which will enable the enfilading of the Boers on Hlangwane.

Buller's casualties during the last three days' operations have been about eight. The British forces have now partly ascended Monte Cristo Hill.

A DECIDED SUCCESS.

Chieveley, Monday morning, Feb. 19.—The Boer line of fortresses is broken. The British have achieved a decided success in capturing the enemy's position on Monte Cristo. The Boers, however, effectively executed a retreat, removing their guns and convoy wagons. The British had comparatively few casualties.

BOUNTY FOR RESERVISTS.

London, Feb. 19.—An Army Order issued to-night invites the reservists to rejoin the colors for a year for home defence, and offers £22 bounty to those who do so.

SMUGGLED STUFF SEIZED.

Gunpowder Carried as Salt in Tongaland --General Cargo From New York Held.

London, Feb. 18.—A despatch from the Swaziland border that Friday February 16 says: "The Boer agent at Bronkhorst has been maintaining regular communication with Delagoa Bay via Swaziland. Two coolies have been arrested bearing sacks supposed to contain salt through Tongaland. On examination it was found the sacks contained gunpowder."


Port Elizabeth, Feb. 18.—The British steamer Sabine, Capt. Taylor, from New York, January 4 with a miscellaneous cargo, has been seized by the British gunboat Thrust and brought to Delagoa Bay on suspicion of having on board articles contraband of war.

Before the Sabine sailed from New York it was rumored that she had on board a large quantity of provisions, arms, ammunition, army blankets and general supplies, but no confirmation of the rumor could be obtained. The vessel was cleared for Delagoa Bay.

BOER COMMANDANT FREED.

Arundel, Feb. 18.—Commandant Pretorius, who was captured by the British at Elandsagte, and three other Boer prisoners were handed over to the Boers from Arundel to-day. A messenger under a flag of truce had previously arranged the programme. The prisoners had a cordial interview with Gen. Clements, and were then taken in an ambulance half way to the Boer camp.

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Methuen Now At Kimberley

Remnant of His Sorely Tried Command Pass Magersfontein Unopposed.

Ladysmith Too Being Abandoned by Boers Under Buller's Pressure.

London, Feb. 20.—The Capetown correspondent of the Daily News telegraphing Sunday says: "Lord Methuen's force of 100,000 men, having got through from Magersfontein without fighting."

Lord Roberts' generalship was conducted with such secrecy, says a telegram from Modder River, that even the senior officers who took the Sixth Division through the preliminaries of the operation did not know what they would finally have to do.

The Queen has sent a direct message to Lord Roberts congratulating him and his troops. General French and Kekewich have been acquainted with their promotions.

CRONJE IN A TRAP.

London, Feb. 20.—A member of the cabinet told Mr. W. Lacy to-night that the war office had received a telegram announcing that General Cronje was hopelessly surrounded. Mr. Wyndham was beset with anxious members of the house, but would only reply that the government's news was extremely satisfactory. The sole explanation of the government's withholding good news is that confirmation and more details are awaited.

The war office message communicated to Mr. Lacy seems to indicate that Lord Kitchener has either got ahead of the Boers or is about to realize his plan. Meanwhile, Commandant Delarey, with the Boers from Colenso, is hanging on to the right flank of the British pursuing columns, seeking to delay their movement and so to assist the Boer wagon train to escape. Students of topography think the Boers will hardly risk a fight until they get into the rough country.

THE LOST CONVOY.

A Daily Mail correspondent who was with the British convoy attacked by the Boers at the River Tugela, writes: "Ultimately the British abandoned the convoy in order not to check the advance. Thus 200 wagons and 600 tons of stores fell into the hands of the Boers, though it is doubtful if they will be able to carry them away."

LEAVING LADYSMITH.

London, Feb. 20.—The Capetown correspondent of the Daily News telegraphing yesterday says: "We now occupy the hills to the right of Colenso, including Hlangwani, which the Boers evacuated last night (Sunday). A successful advance and the recapture of the railway may be expected."

Gen. Buller has achieved real success seemingly in capturing the range of hills south of the Tugela.

A special from Ladysmith reports on apparent movement on the part of the Boers towards the Free State. The news of Gen. Buller's attempting another crossing of the Tugela east of Colenso, after the capture of Hlangwani Hill, therefore, gives great satisfaction. Buller's losses so far have been about 20 in wounded. His only army, with the exception of Gen. Hart's Brigade, is engaged in the operation.

Dr. Leyds, at Brussels, says the Free State troops who were besieging Ladysmith have withdrawn in order to defend their homes. In this way he accounts for Gen. Buller's success against the weakened forces. He will forego his projected trip to Rome, he says, because "decisive events are now taking place in the theatre of war."

COL. JOUAST'S AMBITION.

Paris, Feb. 17.—Col. Jouast, president of the Dreyfus Court-martial, and who it was currently asserted voted contrary to public expectation for the acquittal of Dreyfus, was placed on the retired list this week. An interviewer asked him whether, now that he was relieved from his military duties, he would devote his curiosity by stating how he received his vote. "No," he replied, "and I wish to be entirely forgotten. Let me enjoy tranquillity in the remaining years of my life. My wish is to devote myself to bicycling and gardening."

SIX-DAY HORROR ENDS.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 16.—Thomas Cox, of New York, dashed across the finish line at 10 o'clock to-night, a winner of the six days' go-as-you-please race, which has been in progress at Clark's Natatorium since last Saturday.

AFFAIRS AT BERLIN.

Press Moderating Hostility to British—Terrific Snowstorms—A Leaderless Party.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—Dr. Lihl, the Centre leader, is dangerously ill, and there is nobody in authority in the party with whom the government and other parties can negotiate. Some are pulling one way and others are pulling another.

The chances of the department house bill are not favorable, though the Left in the Diet is against it, and the Right deems it does not go far enough.

The South African war news and the occurrences in the British parliament are greedily read here and commented on. Generally speaking, the German newspaper comment now lacks the bitterness of tone towards the British which was noticeable until recently.

The foreign office does not doubt the relief of Kimberley, and considers it a great moral success for Great Britain.

Terrific snow storms have prevented the Emperor having much sport, though this week he went out on foot with a small retinue deer stalking towards Wildau.

The court marshals here say that though the official count mourning is now over, no ball or other large court festivities will be given during the balance of the season, and the carnival ball arranged for February 27 will be omitted on account of the death of the Emperor's mother.

As a tonic, nothing in the world beats Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey.

WASTE IN FRENCH ARMY.

Thirty-Five Hundred Valets Too Much for One Radical Deputy to Stand.

Paris, Feb. 17.—The report of M. Pelletan, Radical, on the war budget, delivered in the chamber of deputies Thursday, has raised quite a storm in military circles. His unexpectedly severe criticism of the higher branches of the army brought a vigorous reply from the Marquis de Gallifort, the minister of war, and denunciation from a number of deputies in the following session.

M. Pelletan's report declared that there was an enormous waste of money going on. The higher officials were over paid and the lower grade underpaid. Moreover, it asserted the officers of the engineers and artillery branches were wasting time in useless occupations, or as he puts it, "in winding up military clocks," and that this squandering of money permeated all branches of the army.

"There are 3,555 men," he said, "employed in brushing officers' clothes. Everybody has an assistant, even the regimental cook."

Vancouver's News Budget

Private Citizens Now Proposing to Make Good the Offer of Roughriders.

Japan in Need of Dog Salmon—Fifty Four Men Held for Gambling.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Feb. 19.—Major Bennett suggested that British Columbia citizens equip a Roughrider corps for South Africa by public subscription. A Province reporter canvassed the town and in one day got seventeen citizens to promise to subscribe \$200 each for this object. Mr. Hammersley who came from Victoria yesterday, says the government have promised him that they will uniform and transport 100 men to Halifax. He says horses are a secondary consideration. Captain Leving and the others offering ten horses each. Major Bennett wired all over the province yesterday asking that the movement to equip by contribution be simultaneously taken up. A meeting was held this afternoon of the committee chosen at the Roughriders' mass meeting and it was decided to call another public meeting to consider the whole question.

The following wire was to-day sent to Hon. Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia, Ottawa: "Japanese residents in British Columbia being British subjects desire to raise corps of Japanese for service in South Africa. They ask you respectfully to please forward their offer to British government. (Signed) S. Tamura, of Jin & Tamura, wholesale merchants. Mr. Tamura says he has already 50 ex-Japanese soldiers anxious to go, and if the province was canvassed no doubt a corps of a hundred could be raised. He says Japanese feeling for Great Britain in her war is very warm."

M. Gode, of Japan, is here looking in to the question of shipping fish to that country. He goes to Victoria to-morrow, having letters of introduction to several fish exporters to ask them if they can make the price right for salt dog salmon. If so his market is unlimited.

The Fraser river cannery association announced officially to-day that they had organized to decide upon the price of salmon and arrange for the delivery of fish in fresh condition, etc. The secretary, Mr. Burdick, reports that six canners are still non-members and nothing will be done till they join.

A gambling den was raided in Chinatown last night and 50 Orientals and four whites captured. This is the second haul on record. Five hundred dollars bail was asked and only one man has put up, one of the whites. The rest stay in gaol till their trial on Wednesday.

The city liquor licenses are reduced to 46 and one for every 3,000 increase in population.

By the explosion of a lamp in her kitchen last night Mrs. Davis was badly burned by her condition is pronounced critical.

C. J. Fagan, provincial analyst has examined the vomit of the man Fraser said to have been accidentally poisoned at the hospital, and finds no traces of poison. The stomach will be thoroughly examined.

Those unhappy persons who suffer from nervousness and dyspepsia should use Carter's Little Nerve Pills, which are made expressly for nervous nervous, dyspepsia, etc. Price 25 cents.

LOCAL NEWS

Crowded Out.—Several letters to the Editor, in type for this issue, have been crowded out, but will appear to-morrow.

Union Meeting.—A union meeting of the Christian Endeavor societies of the district church was held Sunday evening. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Mr. Payne, Rev. Mr. Vichart and Rev. Mr. Clay. The subject discussed was "The Evil of the Liquor Traffic." There was a very good attendance.

Missionary Work.—The Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church, under the direction of the missionary department, spent a very pleasant time last night. An interesting address was delivered by Rev. Mr. Barclay on "The Forward Movement of Christian Missions," which aroused the interest of those present in missionary work, manifesting itself in the number who signed the pledge at the close. A business meeting was held at the termination.

McPhee's Big Company.—McPhee's Big Company opened their new building at the A. O. U. W. hall last night before a large audience. The company is entirely different from most of the repertoire companies which have visited the city in the past, one of the features which they introduce being their specialties between acts, which does away with all long waits, and makes the show continuous from start to finish. The drama produced last night, "Lost in London," was very well put on. The company remains all week, giving a complete change of programme nightly, to-night producing the four-act sensational comedy-drama "Held in Slavery."

There is no one article in the line of medicines that gives so large a return for the money as a good porous toilet soap, such as Carter's Smart Weed and Belladonna Balm.

George Carter complained against the imposition of the wholesale license against his business. He did but a small commission business.

Ald. Cameron said this re-opened an old dispute. They had endeavored to get power from the legislature to adjust such matters but had not been able to do so to the present. He moved that no licenses be collected for the next six

Long Session Of Council

Craigflower Road Sorby Scheme and New Railway Proposition the Cause.

No Sum Yet Appropriated For Purpose of Making Borings in Harbor.

Last evening's session of the board of aldermen was an unusually long one, adjournment not being reached until 11:20 p.m., and the business dealt with was of an important character.

There were present His Worship Mayor Hayward, in the chair, and Aldermen Kinsman, Williams, Cameron, Brydon, Beckwith, Yates, Cooley and Hall. Messrs. Tupper & Peters were also present.

Victoria, 16th February, 1900.

Sir: Referring to our former correspondence relating to the proposition for establishing communication from Victoria to Chilliwack by means of a train ferry and railway, we are now instructed on behalf of a syndicate about to be formed, to submit for the consideration of the city council of Victoria, the following offer:

The syndicate are willing to acquire the Sidney railway or, if that is impracticable, to construct a railway from Victoria to a suitable point on the east coast of Vancouver Island, and to operate the same, and also to establish and run in connection therewith a train ferry from said railway to Point Roberts or some other suitable point in that vicinity, and to establish and operate railway connection between that point and Chilliwack, the city to be asked on their part to guarantee interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum on bonds of the syndicate or of any company formed by the syndicate, to carry out the said work, to the amount of one million dollars, for twenty-five years from the date of the issue of the said bonds.

In order to satisfy the city council as to the bona fides of the offer, the syndicate before acquiring the guarantee with regard to any bonds, shall provide that they have subscribed and paid up capital for the said railway to the amount of three hundred thousand dollars, such sum to be raised by the syndicate by the sale of shares, or other sources. If the syndicate acquire the Sidney railway, they will relieve the city from all liability for their guarantee of the Sidney railway bonds.

If this proposition is entertained, or if the details of agreement will have to be carefully settled between the city council and the members of the syndicate, the city council are willing to entertain the completion of a contract on the lines here suggested, we will be prepared to give you the names of the persons constituting the syndicate within forty-eight hours after we have received notice of your decision. The syndicate who may be composed of gentlemen who are residents of Victoria, but while we will give you the names of the syndicate with the time mentioned, we do not deem it advisable that any names should be made public until such time as the terms of the agreement are arrived at, as these gentlemen do not desire to have their names made public until the matter has reached that stage. The names will be given to you, and the names for private information, at the first.

We have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

TUPPER & PETERS, Victoria, B.C., February 16, 1900.

The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Victoria, Council Assembled:

Gentlemen: At a meeting of the committee appointed by the citizens and ratepayers of Victoria West it was unanimously resolved to petition your honorable body to repeal the by-law closing a portion of the Craigflower road to the public. In support of this appeal, we would beg to call your attention to the injustice perpetrated on the public by a former council, in passing the by-law in opposition to the wishes of 50 per cent. of the citizens affected, and to the fact that the citizens affected, in time, money and depreciation of real estate values.

That the road has been reserved in the first instance from sale, dedicated to the public use, and has never been disputed. Therefore no subsequent sale could vest any portion of the thoroughfare in any one, which the former purchaser never acquired.

The by-law, as it stands, is a constant source of irritation to the public, and falls to settle any question of ownership in the part closed by parties claiming an interest since the passing of the by-law.

That the repeal of the by-law is in the interest of justice to the ratepayers, and will open a way to compensate legitimate claims.

That your board will take speedy measures to repeal the by-law, in the spirit of justice, is the prayer of your petitioners and their representatives.

THOS. T. GOLD, Secretary to Committee.

Ald. Beckwith moved that the letter be received and filed. The council then proceeded to deal with the matter proposed to be taken place on the "Victoria-Chilliwack" railway by-law. He felt somewhat gratified over the situation. It had been contended by some that the proposition to connect with the Mainland was not feasible just now as the names of the companies desiring to build the line.

Ald. Yates thought a weak point in the offer was that the letter said that the Victoria & Sidney road would be taken over if it was "feasible" to do so. Who was to decide that? He thought it would be well to have the name of those behind the offer. He thought it would be well to have any how the fate of the vote on the 28th inst.

Ald. Williams thought that Ald. Beckwith might amend his motion to lay on the table until after the first of March. He was in favor of the proposition. He would not have more than two proposals before him.

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H. Dallas Helmcken, M.P.P., wrote enclosing copies of the bill affecting municipal powers. He asked for an expression of opinion from the aldermen.

Mayor Hayward thought that the proposed changes in the schedule act was a bad move. He thought the representatives ought to be instructed to oppose it.

Ald. Cameron was glad that the city had one representative who considered the council. As regards the changes, he did not think it made any difference.

Ald. Cameron was not in favor of the proposed change in respect to the revenue tax. He moved that the city representatives should be instructed to oppose it.

months from now wholesalers, when no doubt a remedy would be available.

Ald. Beckwith had much pleasure in seconding the motion. He thought the tax was wrong in principle. He hoped that legislation would shortly be obtained which would enable them to deal with the whole question of trade licenses.

Ald. Yates did not think that such action on the part of the council would be just to those who had already paid the tax. He moved in amendment that Mr. Carr be informed that the law must take its course.

Ald. Cameron was quite in favor of voting to do away with the wholesale and retail licenses altogether. The law was so bad that it perhaps enforcing it would reveal its obnoxious character and result in its repeal.

Ald. Stewart agreed with Ald. Yates and seconded the amendment.

Ald. Beckwith thought if the law were carried it would give Victoria a big black eye.

Ald. Williams wanted the matter laid over until the legislature had acted. The amendment carried.

V. H. Mason, secretary of the British Columbia Road and Transport Commission, closing report on the desirability of establishing a school for deaf mutes. Received and filed.

Chief Deane of the fire department directed the attention of the board to the report of the chief of the board endorsing the scheme to build a wagon road from Kitimaat Arm to Hazelton.

J. A. Henderson of the British Columbia Directory Company complained of the failure of the city council to issue and let the streets and bridges committee.

Stene Lowe complained against the depositing of rubbish on the street. Received and the heads of the street department instructed to remedy the grievance.

Ald. Stewart thought Mr. Lowe ought to be informed that large corporations move slowly.

Ald. Beckwith wanted to know how private individuals could be expected to observe the law when the city itself trespassed in this regard.

The city engineer submitted a special report on the proposed new pumping station.

The Mayor explained that he had received this information from the city engineer before incurring the large expense of \$17,000. Received and filed.

Thomas H. Gold forwarded the following communication:

The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Victoria, Council Assembled:

Gentlemen: At a meeting of the committee appointed by the citizens and ratepayers of Victoria West it was unanimously resolved to petition your honorable body to repeal the by-law closing a portion of the Craigflower road to the public.

In support of this appeal, we would beg to call your attention to the injustice perpetrated on the public by a former council, in passing the by-law in opposition to the wishes of 50 per cent. of the citizens affected, and to the fact that the citizens affected, in time, money and depreciation of real estate values.

That the road has been reserved in the first instance from sale, dedicated to the public use, and has never been disputed. Therefore no subsequent sale could vest any portion of the thoroughfare in any one, which the former purchaser never acquired.

The by-law, as it stands, is a constant source of irritation to the public, and falls to settle any question of ownership in the part closed by parties claiming an interest since the passing of the by-law.

That the repeal of the by-law is in the interest of justice to the ratepayers, and will open a way to compensate legitimate claims.

That your board will take speedy measures to repeal the by-law, in the spirit of justice, is the prayer of your petitioners and their representatives.

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Big Steamer Makes a Call Of Council

Tosa Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line Here Yesterday.

Islander Commences the Daylight Service-Cottage City to Call.

The Tosa Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, arrived from the Orient at about 2 a.m. Monday morning. She had on board 237 Chinese passengers for here and 118 for the Sound. Her cargo was very light, consisting of only 2,200 tons, very little of which was for here. The Tosa has been on the European route, and was sent here principally to clear up the accumulated freight from the Sound, chiefly cotton. She had a good run for the first half of the trip but encountered some heavy weather before she reached port, and only sighted the sails during the whole run. The Tosa is the largest vessel that has ever been here. She is of 3,901 tons register and 4,000 tons displacement. She is 260 feet long, 49 feet beam and 30 feet deep. She is to have a hurricane deck, 100 feet long and will be put permanently on this route about July, together with two other boats that are being constructed for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, who will compete with the C.P.R. for the passenger traffic. Capt. Fraser speaks very highly of Dr. Watt at the quarantine station. He says that he never in all his experience passed through a quarantine station, where the inspection was done so thoroughly and so quickly. The Tosa left for Seattle about 4 a.m.

DAYLIGHT SERVICE.

Islander Commences the New Schedule Between Victoria and Vancouver To-day.

The Islander will commence the daylight service to Vancouver, to-day, leaving here at 7 a.m. The workmen were putting on the finishing touches yesterday as she lay at her wharf. There is a great improvement in her. In the after cabin, several state rooms have been removed so as to give more room and a gangway has been built to the hurricane deck from the inside of the forward cabin. Two small smoking rooms and two card rooms have been added, and part of the bridge has been lowered. It is reported that arrangements will be made to furnish meals on the restaurant plan at all hours.

WILL CALL HERE.

Cottage City Will Make Victoria First and Last Port of Call.

Victoria is to be again the first and last port of call of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Cottage City on the northern route, showing that the company appreciates this city's northern trade. According to advice received by Messrs. R. P. Bithell & Co., Ltd., the Cottage City will hereafter stop at Victoria on the downward as well as the upward trip. She is now en route to Seattle from the north and due to arrive to-day. Had it been possible to transmit the new regulations to the north, the schedule again placing Victoria as first port of call and last of departure would have gone into effect to-day.

MARINE NOTES.

Ship and Schooner Arrive Here to Undergo Repairs.

The Queen City sailed for the West Coast last night. The steamer Victorian will arrive at the inner wharf at 5:30 this morning and leave at 8:30.

The ship Robert Adamson arrived at Esquimalt on Sunday night. She will be docked and cleaned to-morrow.

Steamer Manuensis will sail from San Francisco on Sunday to load coal for Kahului. She will return with a cargo of sugar from the islands.

The sealing schooner Walter L. Rich, which was on the rocks near Village Island, has been returned and will go on the way to be repaired.

The United States Lighthouse tender Manzanita, Capt. Gregory, arrived yesterday morning from Port Angeles and anchored for a short time in James Bay. She is on her regular cruise in the Gulf, tending the lights and buoys.

The tug Pilot has gone to Oyster Bay to tow the ship Louis Welsh to sea. The Welsh has been loading coal from the wrecked Miami. The Pilot will bring the coke-laden bark Hawaiian Islands to the Royal Roads to ship a crew.

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Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey is used at all the principal hospitals in the United States. Why is it?

Long Session Of Council

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He thought the advice of the council should be taken. Ald. Brydon supported Ald. Yates' opinion. It was wise to get a confirmation of opinion.

Ald. Williams, while supporting Ald. Yates' motion, did not think that much good would be obtained. They might more advantageously take up the question of compensation. He did not think the people of Victoria West should be compelled to pay all the expenses of taking the matter into the courts.

The Mayor thought the best plan would be to open the road, expropriate the land, and then have claim to own the land prove their title.

Ald. Beckwith would support a move in that direction, but he was in favor of everyone who was injured being compensated. He was also in favor of getting more legal opinions.

Ald. Yates explained that in desiring to get an independent opinion he thought the ground would be cleared and matters simplified.

The Mayor was opposed to the motion. It was a waste of money. The council had not yet decided what they wanted to do.

Ald. Yates explained that the question put to Mr. Bodwell could be a very simple one.

Ald. Cameron thought it best to lay the letter on the table until Ald. Beckwith's by-law was taken up.

Ald. Stewart feared further legal complications if Ald. Yates' motion was not taken.

Ald. Williams pleaded for unanimity on the part of the members.

The pointkeeper announced that the official was the subject of amusing communications. "Brown's cow" caused a lot of trouble, of which the council was duly informed.

The city engineer reported as follows: Victoria, February 19, 1900.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen: In accordance with instructions I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration:

Application from Mr. Thornton Fell re extension of sewer on Fort street to the intersection of Yates street: I find 27 houses on which rental could be obtained, but regret to say a large amount of rock would be met with in carrying out the work in question. The distance between the above points is 2,250 feet. Total estimated cost, including probably rock work, \$5,500.

Re water troughs:

1. From information obtained I find the life of the present wooden troughs has been from 1 to 4 years.

2. If the present number be kept in use it will be necessary to renew five of same.

3. The steel troughs as per commission's report of recent date, would cost \$7.50 (complete), as against \$25 for wooden tank with same ball cock attachments.

4. The estimated difference therefore between steel and wooden tanks with similar attachments is \$32.50.

5. Estimated cost of adding ball cocks to all present tanks exclusive of the above mentioned renewals, \$120.

Re cement testing machine: I again respectfully call your attention to the necessity of purchasing the above mentioned machine as stated in my annual report. I would therefore recommend the same be purchased at an early date, as the time shall soon be at hand when permanent sidewalks and street pavements will be under construction.

Re R. H. Swinerton, re repairs to sidewalk around Masonic Temple on Douglas street: I have examined this locality, and would recommend the same be gravel or tar surfaced. Estimated cost, \$55 (for tar finish).

The city carpenter reports upon the following sidewalks:

Re sidewalk on north side of Esquimalt Road from E. & N. Ry. crossing westerly, a distance of 400 feet. Estimated cost \$70.

Communication from Mr. Verdier, re walk on the east side of Richmond avenue, from Oak Bay avenue, a distance of 1,150 feet. The carpenter states this walk would only accommodate two houses, and for this reason would recommend no action at present.

Since hearing the remarks at a recent meeting of your honorable body, in regard to the matter of cleaning up all old lumber, etc., immediately after the repairs to sidewalks: After due consideration I find that time and expense would be required to remove the rubbish complained of, if the council would purchase a light wagon and horse for this purpose. I would respectfully ask that this matter be considered at an early date, as same is a system of filth in many cities, and is surely would be satisfactory in Victoria.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

C. H. TOMP, City Engineer.

The report was taken up serially. A copy of the communication will be sent to Mr. Bell, on Ald. Beckwith's motion.

The report was laid over until the streets and bridges committee meets.

Ald. Stewart moved that the city engineer be empowered to procure a cement testing machine. It was badly needed, he said.

Ald. Hall seconded the motion, which was carried.

The city carpenter recommended several small improvements. He recommended the purchase of a small wagon, which would be of great assistance.

Ald. Williams again called attention to the necessity of flushing Trounce avenue.

Tenders for supplies were then opened and referred to the purchasing agent.

The finance committee submitted a report recommending the making of appropriations, among which was an item of \$1,000 for investigating the Sorby scheme.

Ald. Yates was not in a position to support the appropriation in view of the conference yesterday afternoon with Mr. Ker.

Ald. Stewart was of the same mind. They had obtained a good deal of information yesterday which was worthy of consideration.

Ald. Beckwith was present at the conference and was not much impressed with what occurred there. If he had the same opinion of Victoria's future as Mr. Ker and others who had spoken, he would have his home for sale.

Ald. Kinsman would oppose the expenditure. He was now completely satisfied that his opposition to the matter was well founded after yesterday's conference.

Ald. Brydon, like Ald. Beckwith, thought very little of the conference. The council had committed itself to the borings, which he thought ought to be proceeded with.

The Mayor explained for the benefit of Ald. Brydon that he had no authority for asking the committee who had made the report to be present at the conference.

After some further discussion the item of \$1,000 for the harbor borings was laid over.

The council adjourned at 11:30 to meet to-morrow evening.

PERSONALS.

Major Wynne, commanding No. 19 Company, R.A., stationed at Work Point, has arrived from Halifax, accompanied by Mrs. Wynne. They are at the Victoria.

James Dunsmyth, M.P.P., and R. W. Dunsmyth returned from California on Sunday.

Charles J. Champness, son of Rev. Thomas Champness of the Wesleyan conference, who is on his way back to China, will spend a few days here this week as a guest of Mr. S. M. Okel, Victoria West.

W. Colston, late of Baker & Colston, left this morning for England.

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REDISTRIBUTION.

The Redistribution Bill was brought down yesterday. We reproduce it in full as it is a more satisfactory way of dealing with it than to summarize it. In the following constituencies no change is made, namely:

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These constituencies return at present seventeen members, and no alteration is made in respect to them.

One constituency on the Island, namely, South Victoria, is wiped out of existence and with North Victoria and Cowichan is divided up into two constituencies, one of them being called Cowichan and the other Saanich. A member is taken away from Esquimalt. Thus the Island loses two members under the proposed plan of redistribution.

The changes on the Mainland consist of the consolidation of the two Lillooets into one constituency, the division of Cariboo into two ridings and the cutting up of West Kootenay into six ridings instead of four as at present. These ridings are Revelstoke, Lardeau, Slokan, Kaslo, Nelson and Rossland. Yale gets a fourth member, the Boundary district being taken from Kootenay and given to Yale.

DR. McKECHNIE'S POSITION.

Dr. McKechnie's Scotch blood may be of superior quality, but it evidently lacks that element of caution supposed to be so prominent in the veins of these excellent people, whose ancestors hail from the land of the heather. The debate in the house yesterday disclosed a very extraordinary state of things. Not a man on either side of the house arose in his place to express an opinion that the member for Nanaimo City was right in accepting travelling expenses. We again point out that the question is not whether the President of the Council ought to be paid his travelling expenses. Probably we will all agree that if it is illegal for him to draw travelling expenses, the law ought to be changed. We also wish to say that no one accuses Dr. McKechnie of taking the money with any intention of violating the law. He undoubtedly believed that he had a right to the money. We judge from the speech and vote of Mr. Joseph Martin that the members of the cabinet reached the conclusion that such a payment was legal. The value of such a conclusion is worth just what the court, if it is appealed to, shall decide.

There are seven lawyers in the house. One of them, Mr. McBride, did not speak on the question. Mr. Joseph Martin declined to express any opinion. Mr. Henderson, Attorney-General, evaded the issue in his speech and, when challenged by Mr. Eberts to give a legal opinion to the effect that the receipt of the money by Dr. McKechnie did not vacate his seat, remained silent. Mr. Pooley, Mr. Eberts, Mr. McPhillips and Mr. Holmcken expressed the opinion that the seat had been forfeited under the law. That the house declined to adjourn is not material, for it neither strengthens nor weakens Dr. McKechnie's position, which we regret to say is a very serious one, if the law is as all the legal gentlemen in the house, who expressed an opinion, appear to think it is.

Dr. McKechnie's colleagues gave him the coldest kind of comfort. The Minister of Mines took no part in the debate. The Attorney-General declined to say that he had not forfeited his seat. The Premier pleaded that though the letter of the law may have been violated, its spirit was not. The Finance Minister claimed the question was one for lawyers, but said he had not paid the vouchers without first obtaining the opinion of Attorney-General Martin. A statement which that gentleman at once characterized as "absolutely untrue." Dr. McKechnie therefore knows that not one person arose in his place in the house to defend him, but that even those to whom he might reasonably have looked for defence, declined to make it. He has the satisfaction of knowing that "it is a question for lawyers."

We come now to an aspect of this case, which touches very closely the duty of the Lieutenant-Governor. It is impossible to see how His Honor can avoid facing it. He receives the Journals of the house from day to day. He knows that several measures have been carried only by the vote of the Speaker, and that he will be asked to assent to legislation that has been so carried. He knows, or

he will know officially to-day, that the right of one of the acting members of the house to sit therein has been questioned, and an inspection of the votes will show him that measures so carried would have been defeated if the member, whose right to sit and vote is in doubt, had not voted. This being the case he has a right to know if such member is entitled to sit and vote in the house. The proper person to advise him on that point is the Attorney-General, unless he concludes that the advice of that official is likely to be biased on such a question, in which event he would have to look elsewhere for counsel, and this would be equivalent to a dismissal of his present advisers. Especially ought he to be advised on this point, because the member in question is one of the Executive Council. If His Honor refers the matter to Attorney-General Henderson, we believe he will not be advised that Dr. McKechnie is entitled to sit and vote in the house. Mr. Henderson may go no further than to say that the question is doubtful, but he dare not as a lawyer say less than this. Under these circumstances it must be evident to His Honor that any legislation that may be passed this session by the vote of the Speaker may be open to doubt as to whether it has been passed at all, and we submit that it has become his duty forthwith to get rid of ministers who have permitted things to get into such utter confusion.

We submit to His Honor that, under the circumstances above set out, he is not only warranted, but it is his bounden duty, to ask Mr. Semlin for his resignation forthwith. We take this position in all sincerity and as affording Lieutenant-Governor McInnes the only possible means whereby he can escape from an unprecedented dilemma. He cannot ignore what has taken place. He cannot afford to lay himself open to the charge of assenting to bills not carried by a majority vote of the house. We draw his attention to the fact that, if the law is as stated by the lawyers in the house, and substantially admitted by the Premier, Dr. McKechnie's membership is not simply voidable, but absolutely void. His Honor's position is difficult and unprecedented. He must see that doubt is thrown upon every piece of legislation carried by the Speaker's vote, and that endless confusion may result, if he gives his assent to any such measures. If an action is brought against Dr. McKechnie and he is declared to be disqualified, His Honor will see in what an extraordinary position he will be placed as representative of the crown, if he assents to such measures. How can he escape the effect of Mr. Cotton's admission that "it is a question for the lawyers"?

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE DOMINION.

At the railway meeting held last week attention was drawn to the obligation of the Dominion government and parliament to promote the development of British Columbia. It was pointed out that the residents of British Columbia contribute the sum of \$20 per capita every year. If all the people of Canada did likewise, the revenue of the Dominion from taxation alone would be upwards of \$100,000,000. As a matter of fact, the revenue from taxation is not more than one-third of this amount, so it is a matter of fact, not simply a theory, that one British Columbian is equal to three Canadians in other parts of the Dominion. This does not call for any argument. It is an undisputed and an indisputable fact. It not only affords a basis for a claim on the part of this province for better consideration than it has hitherto received; but it shows that expenditures in this province are profitable from a federal point of view, and that it would be good business judgment on the part of the federal government to expend money for development purposes in this province. This matter was urged very strongly upon the attention of parliament by Senator Macdonald last year, but to no particular effect. He was not backed up by the members of the House of Commons who support the government, and whose influence might have accomplished something. It is quite impossible to defend the indifference exhibited by the Liberal members of the Commons, representing this province, in connection with this very important question.

The Colonist cannot say very much that is new upon this subject. It was very elaborately gone into during the session of 1887 by Mr. R. P. Rihet, who then represented Victoria in the house. We followed the publication of Mr. Rihet's speech with a series of articles in which all the facts and arguments were stated in detail. Last year we reproduced Senator Macdonald's observations in the Senate, and, if we remember rightly, what Col. Prior had to say in reference to it in the House of Commons. Therefore if Colonist readers do not understand the merits of the contention, it is hardly possible to make them clear to any one. Our object in taking the matter up to-day is that it may not be lost sight of, and that no session of parliament may be allowed to pass without an effort to force it home upon the consideration of the federal government. The question is one that does not concern Victoria only, although the fact that it is next to impossible to get a paper published elsewhere in the province, or the representative of any other constituency to say anything about it, would incline one to that view. The question can hardly be called a political one, for it has not been espoused by one party and opposed by another. The only political aspect of the matter is that presented by the indifference of the Liberal members. Why they are silent, when by reasonable insistence they might accomplish something, be it ever so little, we are at a loss to know. It cannot be for fear of embarrassing the administration, for the Liberal majority is so large that, even if our four Liberal members should go against the government on a matter of this nature, there would be a sufficient number of supporters left to make the defection numerically unimportant. We think the explanation must be sought in the personnel of the gentlemen, who represent the province outside of Victoria. They seem, with the exception of Mr. McInnes, content to play the part of out-and-out supporters of everything the government does, and ready to apologize for everything it omits to do. Mr. McInnes appears to be of the opinion that he has a mission, which is connected with Oriental labor. Without disparaging his efforts in that regard, we may say that the claims of the Province upon the Dominion are certainly worthy of his best consideration. Senator Templeman has been silent on this very important subject. He has even declined to support our provincial claims in his newspaper. These are matters which the voters of British Columbia will bear in mind at the next federal election.

An act similar to the Natal act in regard to Oriental exclusion is promised at Ottawa. When Mr. Chamberlain recommended such legislation, Mr. Cotton said that the government did not wish to go so far.

The people of Vancouver think the people of British Columbia would pay the expense of a contingent to South Africa, if they were given the chance. This is true; but Mr. Semlin will not give them the chance.

The Times says that Sir Herbert Tupper is coming West "to bring order out of the political chaos in British Columbia." Sir Herbert's coming home has about as much to do with politics as Senator Templeman's remaining at home.

Mr. Joseph Martin's explicit and emphatic denial of Mr. Cotton's statement in regard to Dr. McKechnie's vouchers was painful, and still more painful was the fact that Mr. Cotton heard his veracity impugned and said not a word.

ADAPTED TO BOER TACTICS.

Roberts' Cavalry Brigades Give Wings to an Army Hitherto But Crawling.

New York, Feb. 18.—Mr. Isaac Ford, the London correspondent of the New York Tribune, publishes his paper this morning reviewing the South African war situation as follows:

"General Roberts' brilliant success in intercepting any special publication upon which an exultant empire has ever hung from hour to hour. For that reason, any interruption of them causes keen disappointment here. There were only two yesterday. The first contained the second of Gen. Kitchener's announcements that one of General Kelly-Kenny's brigades was in pursuit of a large Boer convoy. It gave a short inventory of military stores captured by the brigade and left the story unfinished. The second, which was the British artillery fire when Kitchener despatched his messenger. This was an intimation that a considerable body of the enemy which had been besieging Kimberley, was retiring eastward to Bloemfontein and that a portion of the British division had caught up with it and was harassing its retreat. Press despatches estimated the strength of the Boer column at 10,000, but contained few details of this rear guard action. General Cronje was described as forming a large number of a captured wagons and was standing at bay because the oxen could not go on. It is not clear whether the large Dutch force was in retreat or whether it was only a small guard for the convoy.

"The second bulletin was a casualty list from Jacobsdal, with eighteen names. The contrast between Gen. Roberts' victorious march with its trivial losses, and Gen. Methuen's defeat at Magersfontein was terrible.

"The press despatches lighted up this casualty list with gleams of color. There was a series of skirmishes between patrols for control of the wounded in Jacobsdal before the British artillery shelled the Boers out of Jacobsdal. The Boers were reported to be retiring from Spytfontein northwest and abandoning their entrenched positions, which had been a barrier to Methuen's progress, and a rumor that Gen. French had entered Kimberley in triumph, and that that officer had dined on something better than horseflesh at a principal club, was running the rounds of the British camp at Jacobsdal. There was an unpleasant episode. A large British convoy which had been previously reported as captured and then as recaptured on the Tloer river, was again described as having fallen into the hands of the Dutch. This Boer force was reported to have come up from Coleburg to reinforce Cronje, and to have interfered seriously with the British arrangements for supplying the sixth and seventh divisions. This point was left in doubt by the war office. There was a rumor that Gen. Macdonald's brigade had returned to Koodosberg, but this was unconfirmed.

"A third bulletin is needed to round up Gen. Roberts' series and to clear up the mysteries enveloping a movement of remarkable complexity. But the war office closed to-night without issuing it. The optimists were free to conclude that Cronje was in full retreat, that Kimberley had been relieved and that the retirement of a large Dutch column from Spytfontein had been cut off; but there was no official confirmation of any of these statements, although the probabilities were strongly in favor of continued success of Gen. Roberts' campaign. The croakers were also at liberty to infer that the capture of the British convoy implied an unexpected check that Cronje had been taken completely by surprise and that some adroit plan of defence had been suddenly revealed when the British divisions were out of touch with one another.

"The advantages of Gen. Roberts' position and his great superiority in force warranted the confident belief that the interruption of Gen. Roberts' bulletins



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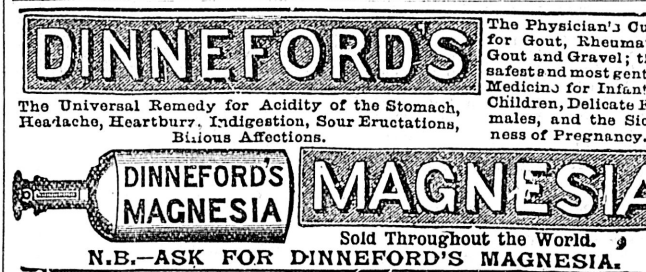
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"The army corps had not only surpassed the Dutch forces in mobility, but Gen. Roberts has also adapted himself to their tactics. Gen. Joubert's plan has been to set one commander after another for defence, instead of massing his forces for a general engagement and the British generals have been compelled to send their battalions against columns of fresh troops. Gen. Roberts has taken his divisions and worked with them as though they were commandos. Each has been supplied with its own transport service and artillery and each has been a column of 10,000 men. With four divisions of infantry and four brigades of cavalry and mounted infantry, Gen. Roberts has met the Dutch commandos on their own ground with a superior force. Roberts and Kitchener between them have adopted an army corps to the precise conditions of Boer warfare, and have supplied a fighting machine which is available for a rapid advance from Kimberley to Bloemfontein and thence to Pretoria.

"During the last two months Englishmen have been wondering how their army could ever reach Pretoria. That, now, seems the probable and natural destination of the men of Roberts' army, if it succeeds without being checked or reversed in breaking up Gen. Cronje's forces around Kimberley and in following them in hot pursuit. The Dutch commanders have, however, shown themselves to be most astute and flexible in adopting themselves to new conditions. They will not be likely to be taken by surprise a second time by Gen. Roberts and Gen. Kitchener.

"Mr. Harnsworth, correspondent at Lorenzo Marques, has telegraphed an announcement from Pretoria that Gen. Buller has again crossed the Tugela and occupied Valkrantz, where his last attempt was made to penetrate the Boer line of defence. The same rumor has reached Durban, whence a central news despatch has come stating that Valkrantz has been re-occupied and that the Boers have retreated. These despatches seem inexplicable, except upon the theory that Gen. Roberts has ordered another demonstration as an expedient for holding the Dutch forces in the Tugela and preventing the reinforcement of Gen. Cronje. It is probable that Gen. Buller has resumed operations on the Tugela, either above or below Colenso.

"There were few despatches from the southern frontier of the Free State. The pressure upon the British lines at Arundel had apparently been relieved by the retirement of a portion of the Dutch forces into the Free State. The British losses at Rensburg have been considered

able, especially in officers, but the garrison is already receiving reinforcements from Capetown. A slight attack has been made upon Gen. Gatacre's position at Molteno.

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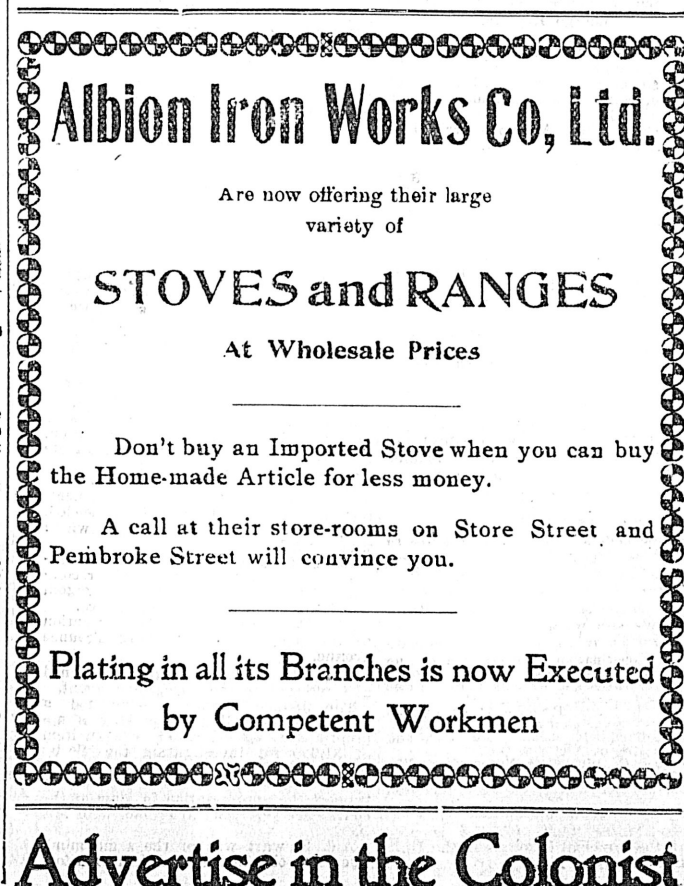


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Funeral of James Gibson.—The funeral of the late James Gibson took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, 101 Cormorant street, the Rev. Vichard conducting services there and at Ross Bay Cemetery, where the remains were laid at rest following gentlemen officiated as pall-bearers: W. G. Goffrey, J. Garland, A. Brown, J. Walsh, J. Brice, J. Leahy.

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Laid at Rest.—Friends on Sunday laid in their last resting place the remains of the late J. B. McDowell. The cortege left the residence, Chatham street, at 2:30 and proceeded to Christ Church cathedral, where services were conducted by Rev. Canon Beaudouin. There were many friends in attendance and the large number of floral pieces testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held by the citizens of Victoria. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. S. Phillips, R. T. Williams, A. B. Borden, J. A. Anderson, F. Campbell, F. H. Laing, W. Gordon and J. Smith.

Pioneer's Death.—Matthew Francis, who came to Victoria in 1851 in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company, died on Friday at the Jubilee Hospital. For the last thirty years deceased had been farming in the vicinity of Victoria, for a greater part of the time at Colwood. He was a native of Dorsetshire, Eng., and was 83 years of age. Mr. Francis was a widower and leaves only an adopted daughter, Mrs. T. R. Porter, of this city. The funeral will take place at 2:15 this afternoon from the parlors of the British Columbia Funeral Furnishing Company and later at the Reformed Episcopal church.

Others Were Deserving.—A party of miners were last evening discussing the wreck of the schooner Hera, when it was mentioned that some of those who had assisted in the rescue of the crew were to be rewarded with medals by the United States government. While giving those so rewarded full credit for what they had done, it was pointed out that others had taken the same risks as they, but no notice had been taken of it. Messrs. D. McKinnon and Webster, with you, with a third man whose name is not known, went out to the burning schooner in a small boat to render what assistance they could, and a number of Indians were also there in their canoes.

Telegraph Party.—Mr. J. B. Charlson, superintendent of Dominion public works for the Yukon district, accompanied by his secretary, Mr. J. E. Goble, S. G. Rochester and A. Charlson, is at the Priard. The party are on their way North to superintend the work of extending the Dawson telegraph line, which was built last year, from Bennett via Atlin and Telegraph to Ashcroft. Work has already been started at both ends, and Mr. Charlson says the expectation is that the line will be working by November. They will not follow the old telegraph trail except where it crosses the chosen route, which is the shortest one possible, and at that is over a thousand miles in length. The party go North on the Tees to-morrow evening.

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FUNERAL SERVICES.
The Late Alexander Dunsinuir Buried at Oakland on Wednesday Last.

Mr. James Dunsinuir returned Sunday from Oakland, where, with other members of the family, he attended the funeral of his brother, the late Alexander Dunsinuir, on Wednesday last. The following account of the funeral is taken from a San Francisco paper:

"The remains of the late Alexander Dunsinuir were laid away in Mount View Cemetery this afternoon after an impressive ceremony at the Church of the Advent in East Oakland. A large number of people attended the obsequies, many of whom came from other parts of the country, and the handsome coffin was borne in a hearse of flowers."

"Among the mourners representing the family of the late millionaire were Mrs. Alexander Dunsinuir, the widow; Mr. and Mrs. James Dunsinuir, the former the brother of the deceased; R. W. Dunsinuir, Miss Dunsinuir, nephew and niece respectively of the dead man."

"Rev. William C. Shaw officiated at the funeral services and the pall-bearers were: Captain Freeman, master of the ship Glory of the Seas; Captain James McIntyre, master of the steamer Bristol; J. P. Traynor, Dunsinuir representative in Oakland; Dr. Thorne, of San Francisco; George Fitch, of San Francisco."

"The following friends sent flowers: Thomas Morton of San Francisco; Grace L. Trevor, Oakland; Miss Brizola, San Francisco; E. F. Gerald of the Pacific Union Club; James Dunsinuir, E. B. Brock, James P. Taylor, Oakland; John Dunsinuir; Edna Wallace, the actress, who is a daughter of the widow; Mr. and Mrs. Agnew; Mr. and Mrs. John Hanley. A number of large floral emblems were also sent by the employees of the deceased in different parts of the Coast. Many of the men also attended the funeral."

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Sorby Scheme Bombarded.

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Grave Discrepancies Between the Committee's Report and Mr. Sorby on Revenue.

The Sorby scheme, which has been before the citizens so long, underwent a severe bombardment yesterday. The attacking force was a brigade under command of D. R. Ker, and in the ranks were a number of Victoria's shrewdest and most prominent citizens. The engagement occurred in the committee room at the city hall.

As a result of the fray, the Sorby project may be considered to be in extremis, or at least to have received a very serious wound—one that will probably prove fatal. Vigorous onslaughts were delivered by Messrs. W. A. Ward, D. R. Ker and J. J. Shullcross, who proved quite conclusively that Mr. Sorby's estimates were most untrustworthy and that the general weakness of the project are so glaring and palpable as to warrant its immediate and complete rejection by the board of aldermen and the city.

The two most glaring mis-statements of the project, as pointed out by the speakers, were the erroneous estimate made by Mr. Sorby in arriving at the amount to be charged for wharfage—45 cents; and the entire amount of revenue. The report of the board of trade made the astonishing statement that if 45 cents per ton wharfage was charged Victoria would lose all of its foreign trade. Mr. Shullcross showed that there was a difference of no less than \$16,000 on the estimate of revenue submitted by the investigating committee and Mr. Sorby.

That the aldermen were impressed by the arguments presented against the project is seen by their action last evening. Reported in another column, when they decided to defer making an appropriation for the boring operations until a later date. There were present Mayor Hayward, Aldermen Hall, Stewart, Kinsman, Cooley, Rydson, Cameron, Beckwith and Williams, and Thos. Sorby, D. R. Ker, J. J. Shullcross, W. A. Ward, L. Goodacre, J. D. Pemberton, J. A. Sayward, Thos. Sholtz and George Powell.

Mr. Ker first addressed the meeting. He wished first of all to say that the board of trade was opposed to the expenditure of any money on the Sorby scheme, inasmuch as the money was needed for other city purposes. He mentioned instances where funds were required for needed improvements, and wanted to know how the council could make appropriations for borings when it was required elsewhere. The Brackman & Ker Milling Company when the mill was built at the outer wharf had been assured by the council that Eric Storr would be opened to afford them access to their property. But it had not been done. The Sorby scheme was, in his opinion, impracticable. This he thought was the opinion of the bulk of the citizens. It was no doubt a grand scheme on paper, and Mr. Sorby had gone to great pains in the matter, but it was needed at this time. He did not think so and he said this knowing something of shipping requirements. A man did not need to have engineering experience to know that the wall which the scheme provides for is entirely impracticable. It would not stand the bumping of heavy steamers. What guarantee had the advocates of the scheme that the property owners would lease their property for the needed improvements and afterwards resume business? It was a most dangerous suggestion, as many businesses might be driven from the city.

Mr. Sorby's estimate of the wharfage at 50 cents per ton was also absurd. Shipping men well knew this. Mr. Sorby's scheme proposes to build a dam across the mouth of the harbor. That was a gigantic task and indicated the general weakness of the whole project. It would be insane for the city to go ahead with this scheme. He would fight against it tooth and nail. The city was not suffering for want of such large improvements.

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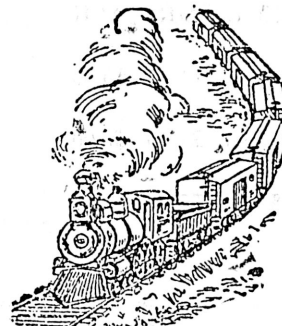
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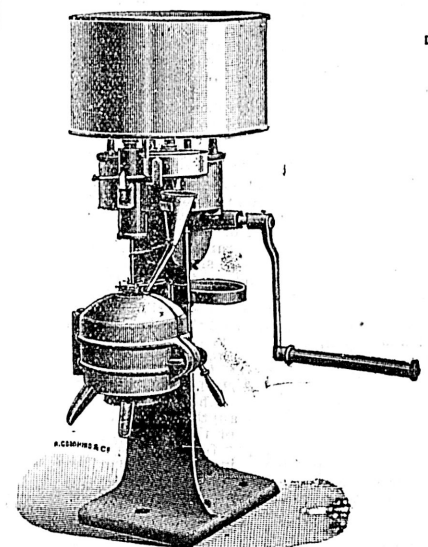
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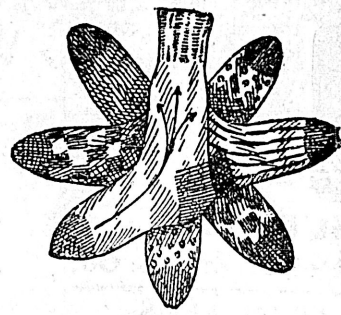
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Member's Seat In Question.

Challenge in Legislature Met
by Half Admission From
the Ministers.

Peculiar Action on City Voters'
Lists Subject of Motion
of Censure.

British Columbia's legislature resumed its sessional labors yesterday afternoon, after a three days' respite, gave three and a half hours to public business, and rose until to-day on the Premier's motion—the government and its supporters well satisfied, though surprised, that they had been able to outlast the day. Public business did not concern the law-makers, the object of the administration being quite apparently to terminate the sitting as speedily as possible lest their fate should be sealed by an adverse vote. The excitement of the situation consumed itself to the galleries, and throughout the brief but not uneventful sitting an unusually large concourse of ladies and gentlemen gave close attention to the proceedings. Nor were these proceedings without great and general interest, for early in the day the government presented its gerrymander measure, and the opposition formally directed attention to the fact that the President of the Council had, by accepting travelling expenses, as shown by the Public Accounts, invalidated his election as a member of the house and rendered himself liable to the prescribed and very heavy penalties. To this charge the government made but a feeble reply, not even the Premier undertaking to maintain that the offence had not been committed as charged. Hon. Mr. Semlin indeed directed attention to his self-admission of the impeachment, by his recognition that the "spirit" of the law had not been infringed; while Hon. Mr. Henderson was especially careful not to state or imply that the case was not precisely as the opposition said. The vote upon Mr. Semlin's adjournment motion upon which this matter was brought forward, was not in any way to be taken as expressing the opinion of the house upon the government's policy, nor yet as endorsement of Hon. Mr. McKechnie's position, as members could consistently vote in the negative on the proposal to adjourn the house, while heartily concurring in the statements of the opposition upon the issue. That the defeat of the government must come within the next few days is now admitted even by straight government followers, at least two of whom made no concealment of the fact of their surprise that the administration lived out the day. In the lobbies and on the streets the opinion is now freely expressed that the government has elected to go to the country on the Redistribution and Coal Mines bills, and has asked for a dissolution with the intention of dropping all public business and presenting only such estimates as will cover non-contention expenditures. Whether a dissolution will be granted is one of the many puzzles of the complicated situation.

PETITIONS.
Upon the opening of the house at 2:30 o'clock with prayers by Rev. Dr. Campbell, petitions were presented as follows: By Mr. Macpherson—From residents of Vancouver asking that the metalliferous mining laws be not interfered with. By Mr. Tisdall—From merchants and free miners of the city of Vancouver, and also the Vancouver board of trade, asking that the Vancouver Incorporation Act amendment and consolidation bill be carried through. By Mr. Green—From 100 residents of the Shewan, urging the passage of a measure similar in tenor to the New Zealand Arbitration Act; and By Col. Baker—From certain residents of East Kootenay, endorsing the eight-hour law.

REDISTRIBUTION.
Hon. Mr. Semlin presented a message from the Lieutenant-Governor, transmitting a bill for the amendment of the Provincial Elections Act, and moved that the message and bill be considered in committee of the whole immediately. To this Mr. Higgins took exception and the committee consideration went over until Tuesday, the bill to be first item on the order paper.

HON. MR. MCKECHNIE'S POSITION
Before the Orders of the Day were called, Mr. Turner moved the adjournment of the house, his motion being made in writing (in accordance with Mr. Speaker's ruling of a few days ago), and its effect being announced by Mr. Speaker as follows:

"It is moved by Mr. Turner that he wishes to call attention to the fact that there is a stranger sitting on the floor of the house, and that he takes part in the deliberations thereof."

stances related in the Colonist of Sunday morning.

MR. TURNER thought this matter a very important one. His attention had been directed to the fact that they actually had had "a stranger sitting on the floor of the house" during the entire session, who had been voting and taking part in the deliberations of the house, contrary not only to all precedent, but to the Constitution Act, and in face of the fact that there was a penalty prescribed for so doing of \$500 per day. The house might well look on this matter as serious—most serious; the Constitution Act made it so, and he proposed to refer to that act. Last session certain members of the house had been called upon to resign under its provisions, and although it might not have been absolutely necessary, it was well known that they had done so. He did not desire to go into all these cases, but he might mention that he himself was one and Mr. Tisdall another, and the cause of those resignations was the fact that men they had had to manage their business concerns had had small dealings with the government. Why had they resigned? Simply because they found that unintentionally they had done something contrary to the Constitution Act. All that members were entitled to receive under that act was sessional allowance and mileage to Victoria from any part of the province in which the individual member might reside, and also mileage for the return journey. But he found that there was now a gentleman in the house who had been receiving money contrary to the act. He wished to refer to section 28: "No person accepting or holding in British Columbia any office, commission or employment, permanent or temporary, to which an annual salary, or any fee, etc., or profit of any kind or amount from the province is attached, shall be eligible as a member of the assembly, nor shall he sit or vote as such; but nothing in this section shall make ineligible any person being a member of the executive council, as hereinafter mentioned, or shall disqualify himself to sit or vote in the assembly. PROVIDED HE IS ELECTED WHILE HOLDING SUCH OFFICE." No member could receive any emolument for anything he did whilst he was a member of the house—the fact of his receiving pay for anything he did for the province invalidated his seat at once. As was well known, when ministers were appointed and were entitled to salaries, they had to go to the country and be elected after they had been entrusted with portfolios. Unless they went to the country and were re-elected, their seats became vacant. Section 239 read: "No person who is holding or enjoying, undertaking or executing, directly or indirectly, alone or with any other, by himself or by interposition of any trustee or third party, any contract or agreement with Her Majesty, or with any public department or officer, with respect to the public service of this province, or under which any public money of this province is to be paid for any service or work, shall be eligible as a member of the said legislative assembly, nor shall he sit or vote in the same." Section 32 stated distinctly: "No person disqualified by this act, or by any other law, to be elected a member of the assembly, or to sit or vote in the same, shall sit or vote in the same while he remains so disqualified." Section 33 set forth that any person so disqualified or declared incapable of sitting or voting in the assembly, if he sit or vote therein, will thereby forfeit \$500 for each and every day on which he so sits or votes, and such sum may be recovered by any person who sues in any court of competent civil jurisdiction in the province. Then came section 67: "In each session of the legislative assembly there shall be payable to each member of the legislative assembly at each session a sessional allowance of \$600 and no more." Section 71 said: "There shall be paid to each member of the assembly 25 cents for each mile of the distance between the place of residence or the electoral district of such member and the city of Victoria, reckoning such distance going and coming according to the nearest mail route, which distance shall be determined and certified to by the Speaker."

Those sections of the act which he had quoted clearly pointed out the fact that no member of the house, excepting a minister—and that minister re-elected after accepting a portfolio—could accept anything outside of his sessional allowance and mileage from the province, and if he did such member could not sit in the house and vote. He was surprised when his attention had been called to the fact that in the Public Accounts to June 30, 1899, Hon. Dr. McKechnie was shown to have received from the government \$204.67 for travelling expenses. Therefore it was very evident that the constituency which he had been supposed to represent had been vacant, and that that gentleman had been sitting and voting subject to a penalty of \$500 per day. That fact was emphasized by the events of last session—a member whose agent sold a few nails, or a blanket to anyone connected with the government had to resign because he had received money from the country contrary to the constitution. That fact had been forced upon the attention of the house last session. It was not necessary for Hon. Dr. McKechnie to make a formal resignation, because, according to law and the constitution his constituency was vacant at the present time. It was useless, and beside the question to argue that the hon. member was a minister—that did not affect the matter in any way or shape. It was true there was a certain salary that certain ministers were entitled to; and after re-election, they were entitled to receive their travelling expenses in addition, but they were not entitled to receive one farthing or one cent in that regard until they had been elected to that position. No such condition as to travelling expenses attached to the President of the Council, there was no salary attached to that position; there was no provision for expenses other than those of an ordinary member. The President of the Council was an unpaid member of the government; he had the advantage when appointed of not having to go to the country for re-election, but that did not place him in a different position to that of any other member of the house. No member except those members of the government who held portfolios was entitled to 25 cents other than the 25 cents per mile before referred to. Therefore he contended that this was a matter for very serious consideration by the house—and a far more serious matter for the consideration of the government. They were in this position. A number of acts had been passed during the session by a majority of one—some by the vote of the Speaker, whereas as a matter of fact the government had actually been defeated, because Hon. Dr. McKechnie had no right to sit on the floor of that house. That was really the most serious position ever occupied by the house since there had been a legislature in British Columbia. That being the situation of affairs, it was indeed important that the house should adjourn. It was impossible to say what this might lead to, because these votes of the house must be illegal—that was to say, all bills which had been carried by a majority of one or by the vote of the Speaker. They had not really been carried at all; they had been carried by a majority of one or by the vote of the Speaker. They had not really been carried at all; they had been carried by a majority of one or by the vote of the Speaker. They had not really been carried at all; they had been carried by a majority of one or by the vote of the Speaker.

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HON. DR. MCKECHNIE disputed the correctness of the deductions drawn by the opposition leader, rather, his interpretation of the statute. His view was that the sections cited did not apply, inasmuch as he had received no emolument, or other public moneys save such as would recoup him for his actual travelling expenses. Upon taking office in the cabinet, he had not at first put in any day so up advance from the late Attorney-General. As for the 25 cents per mile—that was in reality a perquisite, and the act should properly be amended in this regard. To place so fine an interpretation upon the law as was now sought to be done was little less sensible than to do away with the revised statutes in their entirety and go back to chaos. He regarded the motion and complaint, however, as a "bluff"—and he declined to be "bluffed."

MR. HIGGINS endorsed the interpretation placed upon the law by Mr. Turner, and referred to the fact that the President of the Council if "found guilty" should contribute several thousand dollars to the provincial exchequer.

MR. POOLEY, having occupied the seat in the cabinet as President of the Council during a period of nine years, said that his own interpretation of the law during that period was that the minister without portfolio was not entitled to receive one cent except that provided by statute for the indemnification of members.

MR. BOOTH thought that the President of the Council had got himself into a very awkward position, he, too, holding to the views expressed by Mr. Turner's motion.

COL. BAKER directed attention to the fact that he and other members of a committee of investigation upon public business to Nanaimo some years ago had never received compensation for their expenses therein incurred.

HON. MR. HENDERSON agreed with the leader of the opposition that the question raised was a serious one, but did not think the previous speakers had

shed much light on the true situation. The sections cited referred to cases wherein emoluments or profits were received from the government, a case widely different from that of the President of the Council, who received no profit whatever in the transaction—merely a return of the moneys he had spent on the public business. Would it be held by any honorable member that the member for Victoria (Mr. Hall) made no profit on that tone of coal sold to the government? The intention of the act, as he read it, was not to invalidate the election of any member acting as Hon. Dr. McKechnie had. When the select committee asked for by the junior member for Esquimalt, went to New Westminster to investigate the asylum a few days ago, they had travelled at the expense of the country—did this mean that they, too, had voided their seats in the house?

MR. McPHILLIPS held that the violation of the law in the case of Hon. Dr. McKechnie was conclusive.

MR. EBERTS declared that the opposition were in no way influenced by spite in this matter, but that the members of the government party, who were so ready last year to see a member resign his seat because he had in the course of business and through a servant sold a ton of coal or a package of cartridges to some department of the public service, should now be consistent and insist that the President of the Council accept the consequences of his violation of the law. It was not for the President of the Council to say that he "would brave it out." As for the interpretation that had been put on the act by the opposition, he felt confident in saying that no reputable lawyer in the land would be found to say that the action of the President of the Council did constitute a violation of the law. No lawyer in the land would say that the Attorney-General would be found very careful not to say that it did not; no court would decide that it did not. If the President of the Council felt that he had not violated the law, it would be the simplest thing in the world for him to submit the matter to a Judge or the Judges of the Supreme Court; he would do so because he quite realized that the finding would be against him. He did not think that the ex-Attorney-General could have given the opinion that the taking of the fees in question did not constitute a violation of the act—

"You mean to say that the President of the Council is not telling the truth," observed Mr. Ralph Semlin. "I told a lie," said Hon. Mr. Cotton, sotto voce.

Mr. Eberts indignantly objected to words being thus put into his mouth. He had not meant to say anything of the kind; he meant that Hon. Dr. McKechnie had misconstrued the opinion of the ex-Attorney-General.

HON. MR. SEMLIN denied that the government had had any part in forcing the Victoria members back to their constituents last session; while it was evident, from their re-election, that the people at all events condoned it. He claimed that the spirit of the law had not been contravened—which was in reality the main thing.

MR. JOSEPH MAITIN thought that all the remarks of the opposition were the weakest he had ever seen put forward—that non-violation of the "spirit" of the law was to be taken as a sufficient excuse for violation of the law itself. Did anyone think that because Mr. Tisdall's clerk had without his knowledge sold a few cartridges, Mr. Tisdall had any more violated the "spirit" of the law? He had been virtually appealed to to confirm what the President of the Council had stated and could only say that the only time this matter had been discussed—to his knowledge—was at a meeting of the executive council. Of course the house would remember how heinous a crime it had been described to say anything concerning the proceedings at cabinet meetings—or even to hint at what transpired within that holy of holies.

MR. HELMCKEN supported the stand taken by his leader.

HON. MR. COTTON said the vouchers put in for the travelling expenses of the President of the Council had not been passed for payment until he (as minister of finance) had received the opinion of the Attorney-General.

Upon the division bell being rung, Mr. Martin rose to a question of privilege, which however Mr. Speaker could not listen to until the vote had been taken.

When the vote was taken Mr. Prentice held his hand high in air with the opposition, then quickly withdrew it and was finally counted with the government—as was also Mr. Martin.

The latter gentleman then rose to his matter of privilege, and remarked: "The statement of the Finance Minister that those vouchers were passed for payment on my instructions is absolutely untrue."

MR. McPHILLIPS also had a privilege question, in connection with an editorial appearing in the Vancouver News-Advertiser, which attacked him as a friend of Chinese labor and an enemy of the working man. He claimed that in this matter a gross abuse of the privileges of the gallery had been committed, and suggested that if the offence were repeated it would be his duty to introduce a motion to exclude the paper from a place in the gallery.

REPORTS AND RETURN.

In an adopted report from the private bills committee, that body recommended

that the time limit for their reception of reports and petitions be extended until Monday next, and that the time limited for the reports on private bills be extended until the 20th instant. The railway committee also presented a report, in which it was stated:

"We have considered bill No. 33, to incorporate the Lake Bennett Railway, and herewith report the preamble of said bill proved, and beg leave to report the bill as amended."

This was received.

Hon. Mr. Henderson presented a return of sums paid for legal services during the year 1899.

The house then rose at 4 p.m.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS.

By Mr. R. Smith—To move for a return showing the indemnity received by all the ministers for the past year, as well as their travelling expenses and mileage allowances.

By Mr. Turner—To move the following resolution: Whereas, under and by virtue of section 52 of chapter 29, Statutes of British Columbia, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council was empowered to cancel the voters' lists in New Westminster City electoral district, Vancouver City electoral district, Victoria City electoral district, and Nanaimo City electoral district;

And whereas the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, under the said section, refused fully to carry out the provisions of the said section, by failing to cancel the lists of Nanaimo and Vancouver cities, but proceeded at a very late date to exercise the powers under the said section, and cancelled the lists of Victoria and New Westminster cities, by which act a large section of voters, on account of absence from the said last-mentioned electoral districts, were disfranchised;

Resolved, that the action of the government, in only partly carrying out the provisions of the said section, and in neglecting to cancel the said lists to so late a date as to disfranchise a large number of voters until after the first Monday in May, 1900, and discriminating against the said electoral districts of New Westminster and Victoria cities, was entirely contrary to the intention of the said section, was a breach of faith on the part of the government, and that the government, by reason thereof, deserves the censure of this house.

By Mr. Clifford—That notwithstanding the report of the committee of private bills and standing orders, received by this house on the 5th instant, re petition of the Imperial Pacific Cable Company, the standing orders of the house be suspended and leave granted to introduce a bill to incorporate that company.

By Captain Irving—To move: That the President of the Council, if he erred, he did so innocently, and that an act should be brought in to relieve him from any responsibility therefor.

By Mr. Macpherson—To move in committee on the Crow's Nest Pass Light & Power Co.'s bill, as a new section, "No act of the legislature requiring the company in case efficient means are devised for carrying telegraph, telephone or electric wires underground without such this act, containing carrying lines, poles, shall be deemed an infringement of the privileges granted by this act."

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia

Between The Marlon Steam Shovel Company, Plaintiff, and The Port George Gold Dredging Company and The Pittsburg & Cariboo Gold Dredging Company, Defendants.

In obedience to a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vale Registry, at Vancouver, to me directed in the above named suit for the sum of \$3,420.76 and \$7.00 for costs of execution, etc., and on interest on \$3,420.76 at six per centum per annum from the 7th day of January, 1899, until payment; besides Sheriff's poundage, officer's fees, and all other legal incidental expenses, I have seized and, unless the said execution debt, interest and costs are sooner paid, will offer for sale by public auction, on Friday the 10th day of March proximo, at Rich Bar, about four miles below Quesselle, on Fraser River, the following described goods and chattels, or sufficient thereof to satisfy the said execution debt, interest and costs, that is to say:

A complete dredging plant, known as the "Youngs Dredge," and consisting of 1 scow 26x80x5 feet, 1 scow 16x7x4 feet, 2 boilers of 60 h.p. each, 1 double steam hoisting engine, 1 4 double steam wheel engine 10x12 1 dynamo with fittings complete; 2,000 lineal feet of assorted steel cable, 650 lineal feet of 2-inch Manilla rope, about 600 lbs of bolts, nuts and steam fittings, a full outfit of machinists', blacksmiths' and carpenters' tools, a large quantity of tools and appliances used in operating the dredge, and other articles too numerous to mention; also a second hand hoisting engine now stored at Quesselle; also 6 Dredging Leachholds, each comprising 5 miles of the bed of Fraser River, commencing at a point on said river about 5 miles above the mouth of Cottonwood River and extending thence up stream a distance of thirty miles.

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Barkerville, B. C.,
February 6th, 1900.

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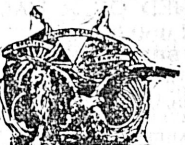
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Redistribution
As Proposed

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two (2), Block E, and running along the southern boundaries of Lots two (2), seven (7), and twelve (12); thence along the eastern boundaries of Lots twelve (12), thirteen (13), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17), eighteen (18), nineteen (19), twenty (20), and twenty-one (21). Block E, shall constitute one Electoral District, to be designated "Nanaimo City Electoral District," and return one member.

"(16.) That tract of land contained within the following boundaries, viz: "Commencing at a point on the East Coast of Vancouver Island, being the northeast corner of the Municipality of the City of Nanaimo; thence along the right line to the eastern boundary of Mountain District; thence south along the eastern boundary of said district to the point of intersection with the northern boundary of Cranberry District; thence east along the northern boundary of Cranberry District to where it crosses the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company's track; thence south along the said railway track to where it crosses Nanaimo River; thence westerly along the course of the said river to the western boundary of Cranberry District; thence in a straight line south along the western boundary of Cranberry and Bright Districts, and to the northern boundary of Cowichan Electoral District; thence south along the northern boundary of Cowichan Electoral District to its intersection with the western boundary line of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company's land grant; thence north along the eastern boundary of Alberni Electoral District to the west end of Cameron Lake; thence northwesterly along the northerly boundary of Alberni Electoral District to Horne Lake; thence following the south shore of Horne Lake to its outlet at Qualicum River; thence down said river to its mouth; thence southeasterly, following the coast-line to the point of commencement, together with any small islands adjacent thereto, not included in any other Electoral District, shall constitute one Electoral District, to be designated "North Nanaimo Electoral District," and return one member.

"(17.) That tract of land, other than and except Nanaimo City Electoral District hereinbefore described, contained within the undermentioned boundaries, viz:

"Commencing at a point on the East Coast of Vancouver Island, being the northeast corner of the Municipality of the City of Nanaimo; thence due west on a right line to the eastern boundary of Mountain District; thence south along the eastern boundary of said district to the point of intersection with the northern boundary of Cranberry District; thence easterly along the northern boundary of Cranberry District to where it crosses the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company's track; thence southerly along said railway track to where it crosses the Nanaimo River; thence westerly along the course of said river to the western boundary of Cranberry District; thence in a straight line south along the western boundary of Cranberry and Bright Districts, to the northern boundary of Cowichan Electoral District; thence east along the said northern boundary of Cowichan Electoral District to the Eastern coast of Vancouver Island; thence north along the coast line to the point of commencement, including Texada, Lasqueti, Gabriola, DeCourcy, Valdes, Thetis, Kuper and Reid Islands, and other small islands adjacent thereto, not included in any other Electoral District, shall constitute one Electoral District, to be designated "South Nanaimo Electoral District," and return one member.

10. In the following sections, unless the context prevents, the expression "former District," or "former Ridings," means and has reference to the particular Electoral District or Riding as existing immediately prior to the passing of this Act, and the expression "newly-constituted District," or "newly-constituted Riding," means and has reference to the particular Electoral District or Riding as created and defined by this Act.

11. Forthwith, after the passage of this Act, the register of voters of the former Districts or Ridings of West Kootenay, East Yale, East and West Ridings of Lillooet, Cariboo, North Victoria, South Victoria, Cowichan, Nanaimo City, North Nanaimo and South Nanaimo shall be closed, and the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council shall appoint a person to be Collector for each

newly-constituted District or Riding, and it shall be the duty of the new Collectors to be appointed under this Act, in addition to the duties laid down in the Provincial Elections Act, or otherwise required to be performed by law, to make up new registers of voters for the several Districts or Ridings for which they shall be so appointed.

12. The closed registers, and other books and papers as aforesaid, for the former Districts or Ridings of West Kootenay, East Yale, East and West Ridings of Lillooet, Cariboo, North Victoria, South Victoria, Cowichan, Nanaimo City, North Nanaimo and South Nanaimo shall be delivered to or retained by such Collectors as may be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, who shall be designated "Distributing Collectors." There shall be six such Distributing Collectors, that is to say: One in the former District of West Kootenay, one in the former Riding of East Yale, one in the former District of Lillooet, one in the former District of Cariboo, one in the former Districts of Cowichan, and North and South Victoria, one in the former Districts of Nanaimo City and North and South Nanaimo, and it shall be the duty of each Distributing Collector, in conjunction with the Collector or Collectors of the new divisions or extensions of the former District in which he is Distributing collector, to scrutinize the closed registers applicable to the particular District, and to distribute the names thereon by transferring the name of each voter to the register of voters for the newly-constituted District in which he resides. In case the place of residence of any voter cannot be ascertained, or in case his place of residence is ascertained to be beyond the limits of the former District, then in either case he shall, for the purposes of this section, be deemed to be resident at the place stated as his residence in the application to vote, or answers to interrogatories, in pursuance of which his name was placed on the register of voters for the former District. The Collector shall be placed upon the register of voters which shall have been received before the coming into force of this Act from any person entitled to be registered as a voter, who shall not have been entered upon the register.

13. The work of distributing the names, as in the preceding paragraph mentioned, shall be proceeded with with all convenient despatch after the coming into force of the Act, and when concluded the Distributing Collector shall forthwith publish for two successive issues in the British Columbia Gazette, of which a copy shall be sent by the Queen's Printer to each Postmaster in the District, and shall also post on the nearest Court House (on the date on which he concluded his distribution, by the distribution of the names which appeared upon the closed list, and of those having sent in their claims to vote before the coming into force of the Act whose names shall not then have been placed upon the register of voters.

14. In order to give full and due effect to the meaning and intent of the provisions contained in this Act, or in the Provincial Elections Act, the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may, by regulations, provide for any proceeding, matter or thing for which express provision has not been herein made, or for which only partial provision has been made, or where any alteration of any of the provisions contained in the said Act may be found necessary, or where it shall be found that the time allowed to do any act is insufficient, and an alteration or extension of such time, and any alteration of dates consequent thereon, shall appear to be necessary, the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may declare, either by regulation or notification in the British Columbia Gazette, that such alteration shall be made, and thereupon the same shall be made and take effect accordingly.

15. All such regulations, on being published in one issue of the British Columbia Gazette, shall have the full force of law, as if hereby expressly enacted, and shall have effect from the date of publication within fourteen days after such publication, if the legislature be then in session, and if not, then within fourteen days after the commencement of the next ensuing session.

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Sorby Scheme
Bombarded

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greatly increased interest. This he thought was a most dangerous move. Those whose property would be bought out—the chemical works, for instance—would be invited to come back when the Improvements were made and pay \$4,000 per year more! Mr. Ker, in the same way, would require to come back and pay \$4,000 per year more. Is the rate going to stand at 12? The same was true in the case of C. J. V. Spratt. Mr. Shallcross closed by assuring those present that those who were against the scheme were acting conscientiously. They had nothing in view except the well being of the city.

Mr. Sorby contended that Mr. Shallcross had somewhat twisted the figures. He did not agree with him that the work would drive away tourist traffic and injure business. His scheme provided for the using of large quantities of lime at the excavations. Neither did he think it would divert trade. Mr. Sorby then took up point by point, the arguments advanced by the previous speaker, by those remarks in reply he found much the same as have been published from time to time in newspaper articles from his pen. He claimed for one thing that the tonnage of the city had been increasing year by year for years past and would continue to do so in the future. Mr. Sorby replied to numerous questions then submitted by those present at various phrases presented themselves, contending that the estimates of revenue had been carefully prepared.

After a long informal discussion, Ald. Beckwith raised the point that it would be well to know if Mr. Ker's statement that the wall proposed by Mr. Sorby would prove the city and tumble down when struck by a vessel.

Mr. Sorby replied that he had gone into the question very carefully and thought there would be no difficulty. He did not think there was a breakwater in existence which was built in the same manner he proposed to employ.

Ald. Kinsman knew something about walls. He did not think that Mr. Sorby's plan for a wall was feasible. It would not stand, except it was built with cement. Understanding the stonemason's business, he explained fully why Mr. Sorby's plans were not feasible.

Mr. Sorby was pressed for an answer to Mr. Shallcross' question: Why had he (Mr. Sorby) estimated the revenue at \$95,000, when the committee only estimated it at \$65,000?

Mr. Sorby replied that the committee had made a wrong estimate on tonnage. Mr. Ker wanted to know who was in the best position to know as to that—the committee or Mr. Sorby.

Mr. Shallcross dealt further at some length with this point, combating the arguments advanced by Mr. Sorby. Ald. Stewart pointed out that a carload of freight brought to Victoria and afterwards reshipped to Kootenay had to pay wharfage charges twice at Victoria. This was not the case at Vancouver.

Mr. Ker said sufficient of the weaknesses of the scheme had been pointed out to warrant the city in refusing the vote of \$9,000 for harbor works.

Mr. Shallcross insisted that there were grave discrepancies in the two reports—the one of the committee and Mr. Sorby's. Mr. Sorby said that the committee would surely not consent to vote money if his report was not correct.

Mr. Sorby thought a small committee might make an investigation. Mr. Shallcross did not think a committee necessary. The committee was quite ready and willing to prove the truth of its contentions. They would try to make two and two five. All of Mr. Sorby's estimates would require to be remodelled. Mr. Shallcross then explained at length how the committee came to arrive at the figures submitted.

Mr. Sorby in a lengthy explanation contended that his figures were as much to be relied upon as those of the committee.

Ald. Brydon did not think that the committee had gone into the matter as scientifically as had Mr. Sorby. He thought Mr. Sorby's explanations satisfactory. What the council proposed was merely to spend \$1,600 more in order to get expert evidence on the feasibility of the scheme. He made a strong endorsement of the project.

Mr. Shallcross in closing the debate referred to the necessity of first thoroughly investigating the financial part of the project before the council stamped it with its approval. Once the city passed a resolution in its favor it would prevent the Dominion government giving proper attention to more modest plans for harbor improvements.

Mr. Ker then thanked the council for their kindness in according himself and those who accompanied him the interview and the conference was at an end.

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MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

Victoria and Saanich Railway Extension and Loan

By-Law

1900.

I hereby give notice that such of the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, as are entitled to vote on a by-law for raising money upon the credit of the Municipality, are requested to attend at the polling place, or places, of the ward or wards, of the said Municipality, at which they are so entitled to vote, on Wednesday, the 28th day of February, 1900, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and to record their vote for or against the passage of the Victoria and Saanich Railway Extension and Loan By-law, 1900, a copy of which By-law is published in the Victoria Daily Colonist, and copies whereof are posted up at the City Hall, and the Public Market Building, and at the same time also in each ward; and to take notice that said by-law will not be valid, or of any effect, unless the vote poll is in favor thereof by at least a three-fourths majority of the votes polled.

The polling places are as follows, viz: For the North Ward, Central Ward and South Ward will be held at the Public Market Building, fronting on Cormorant Street.

Witness my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of February, 1900. WM. W. NORTHCOTT, Returning Officer.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Section 60 of the Municipal Clauses Act, that the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria has, by resolution passed at a meeting of the said Council, held on the 13th day of February, 1900, declared that certain wooden buildings situated and being upon lot 585, block X, in the City of Victoria, and all wooden structures on the said lot are a nuisance and dangerous to the public health, and it was thereby ordered that the same should be pulled down and removed by the owner or owners, agents, lessors or occupiers thereof, and in case of default by the said owner or owners, agents, lessors or occupiers thereof, within five days after publication of this notice in the Daily Colonist (a daily newspaper published in the Municipality of the City of Victoria), to comply with this order, it was thereby further ordered that such pulling down and removal of the said buildings and structures be done by the Sanitary Officer at the cost of the owner or owners of such buildings or structures, and that the payment of such cost and all expenses incidental thereto should be enforced against the owner or owners by the said Sanitary Officer in an action at law in any court of competent jurisdiction.

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A BY-LAW

To aid a Railway Company to be formed for the purpose of acquiring and operating the Victoria & Saanich Railway and extending the same, and operating a Ferry System between Sidney or the terminus of such extension on the Saanich Peninsula and some convenient point on the Mainland of British Columbia.

Whereas, under and by virtue of the "Municipal Clauses Act" the Council of every Municipality may from time to time make by-laws for subscribing for any number of shares in the capital stock of any incorporated railway and for exempting the yards and works of any such company from taxation for a term not exceeding ten years, provided that no shares shall be subscribed for or sold by the Company whose lines, bridges and works are not either wholly or in part within the limits of the Municipality;

And, Whereas, by certain Articles of Agreement bearing date the tenth day of January, 1900, certain powers, and privileges were granted by the Corporation of the City of Victoria to Joseph A. Sayward, William Spencer, Frederick B. Pemberton, Clement E. Renouf, and others, (hereinafter called "The Trustees," and their assigns, of the second part;

Agreement made and entered into this tenth day of January, 1900, between the Corporation of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, hereinafter called "The Corporation," of the first part, and Joseph A. Sayward, merchant; David Spencer, merchant; Frederick B. Pemberton, financial agent; William Munroe, merchant; and Clement E. Renouf, merchant; all of the City of Victoria, aforesaid; hereinafter called "The Trustees," and their assigns, of the second part;

Whereas, the Trustees are desirous of forming a company (hereinafter called and referred to as "The Company") for the purpose of acquiring and operating the Victoria & Saanich Railway and of extending the same into the business part of the City of Victoria, and also if found necessary or expedient to extend the same to some convenient harbor north of Sidney; for the purpose of establishing and operating a ferry system between Sidney or the terminus of such extension on the Saanich Peninsula and some convenient point on the Mainland of British Columbia, south of the Fraser river and north of the International boundary, and also for the purpose of building, equipping and operating a line of railway from such point as aforesaid on the mainland through the Municipal Districts of Delta, Surrey, Langley, Matsqui, and Vancouver, to the town of Chilliwack or Centerville, in the Province of British Columbia;

And whereas, for the purposes and for the benefit of the Company the Trustees have requested the Corporation to grant certain rights, franchises, powers and privileges, and to subscribe for and become the holder of shares of the capital stock of the Company to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00);

Now therefore this agreement, in consideration of the premises and of the covenants hereinafter contained on the part of each of the parties hereto to be done and performed witheth as follows:

1. The Trustees shall forthwith immediately on the assent of the electors of the said Corporation being obtained to a by-law authorizing the Corporation to subscribe for shares of the capital stock of the Company petition the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia and the Parliament of Canada or either of them at the earliest opportunity to pass an act incorporating the Company hereinafter referred to with an authorized capital of not exceeding two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00), and for all the powers, rights, privileges and franchises necessary and proper to enable the Company most effectually to carry out the objects above set forth and other objects as the Trustees may deem advisable.

2. That in the event of the passing of such an act by either or both of the said legislative authorities the Trustees shall in conformity with the provisions of such act and of the general Railway Act applicable thereto, organize the Company for the purpose of carrying out the objects aforesaid, and that immediately on the organization of the Company the Corporation shall subscribe for shares of the capital stock of the Company to the par value of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), and the Corporation shall thereupon be enabled and subject to all the rights and liabilities of shareholders in the said Company.

Provided, however, that the Corporation shall incur no liability in respect to its subscription for the said shares unless and until the Company shall have either by the sale of its shares at par, or by Municipal, Provincial or Federal bonuses, grants or gifts of land or of the completion of the said undertaking, or have had otherwise secured to it for the purposes of its undertaking, a sum of not less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00).

3. The Trustees hereby undertake and agree that the Company shall not in or by any special act of incorporation which may be obtained by the Corporation or otherwise vary or cause to be varied the provision of section 34, sub-section 5, of the British Columbia Railway Act. The shareholders of the Company (including the Corporation) shall be entitled to one vote in respect of each and every share held by them in the Company.

4. So soon as the matters mentioned in the first and second paragraphs hereof are carried out and the Company has acquired capital sufficient for its purposes, the Company shall forthwith acquire either by purchase, lease or otherwise, the property and assets of the Victoria & Saanich Railway Company, and shall proceed to construct a railway and other works of a convenient point as aforesaid on the Mainland of British Columbia to the town of Chilliwack or Centerville by the route hereinbefore mentioned.

5. The Corporation hereby gives and grants unto the said Company the right and power to pass over, across and along the streets, roads, highways or the Corporation as the Company and the Corporation may deem most suitable for such purposes, lying between the present terminus of the Victoria & Saanich Railway, on Hillside Avenue, in the said City of Victoria, and some point at or near the harbor front in the said City.

Provided, however, that no system of double tracking shall be permitted on any streets of the city, and that such extension of the said Victoria & Saanich Railway shall connect with the railway of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, and that the route of the proposed extension of the said Victoria & Saanich Railway and the construction thereof shall be subject to the approval of the Municipal Council, City Engineer or some other competent person appointed or approved by the Corporation, and all repairs, additions or alterations of the same shall be subject to the same approval.

6. The Company shall be liable for all damages arising out of the construction or operation of the works herein contemplated within the municipality.

7. If the Company neglect to keep its tracks or roadways between the same or crossing between and on each side of the rails and two feet on the outer side of each along the whole length thereof, and thereby cause or permit to be made, the City Engineer or other proper officer shall give notice thereof to the Company requiring such repairs

to be made forthwith; and if not made within a reasonable time, the said City Engineer or other officer aforesaid may cause the repairs to be made and the amount so expended by the Corporation may be recovered against the Company in any court of competent jurisdiction.

8. The Company shall at its own cost and expense throughout the whole length of the Railway within the said City, cause the space between the rails and space of two feet on the outer side of each rail to be paved or macadamized as the case may be in conformity with the remainder of the street through which the said railway passes.

9. Before breaking up, opening or interfering with any of the said streets for the purpose of constructing the said railway the Corporation shall give or cause to be given to the Corporation at least thirty days' notice of their intention so to do, and that no more than 2,500 feet of the said streets shall be broken up or opened at any one time; and that when the work thereon shall have been commenced the same shall be proceeded with steadily and without interruption and as rapidly as the same can be carried on, due regard being had to the proper and efficient construction of the same.

10. During the construction of the said works due and proper care shall be taken to leave sufficient space and crossings so that the traffic and travel on the said streets and other streets intersecting same shall not be unnecessarily impeded, and proper lights or watchmen shall be provided and kept by the Company.

11. The location of the said railway in any of the streets shall not be made until the plans thereof showing the position of the rails and other works in each street shall have been submitted and approved by the Municipal Council and such approval shall be given by the City Engineer or other officer as aforesaid.

12. All work in constructing such railway shall be done in a substantial manner and according to the most approved modern methods, and shall be subject to the supervision and approval of the City Engineer or other officer or person as the Municipal Council of the said Corporation shall appoint for that purpose.

13. The Corporation shall and will at the request of and for the use and benefit of the Company at its option, of which twelve months' previous notice shall have been given by the Company to the Corporation, grant and demise for a term of not more than fifty years at an annual rental not exceeding the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) per year, the buildings, grounds, improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging of the premises known as the City Market, more particularly known and described as Lots 504, 505, 507, 508, 550, 552, 558 and half of 559 of Block X, in the City of Victoria.

14. The lands and improvements of the Company within the limits of the Municipality of the City of Victoria shall be exempted from Municipal taxation of any and every kind whatsoever and for any and every purpose whatsoever by the Corporation, for a period of ten years from the date of the passing of the By-law, and shall continuously operate the same thereafter.

15. That part of the Company's undertaking relating to connection by steamer and ferry for passengers and freight between the terminus of the railway at or near Sidney and the terminus of the railway on the Mainland of British Columbia shall be complete and in operation at or before the time when the railway shall be constructed and ready for operation from such Coast terminal point as far as the Town of Chilliwack or Centerville.

16. The Company shall construct and equip a passenger steamship capable of carrying not less than 150 first-class passengers per trip, and also to carry mails, fast freight and express matter to and from the Port of Sidney or other terminal on Vancouver Island, and the point or port on the Mainland of British Columbia, at least twice a week, and also after the time of the completion thereof. Such steamship shall have and shall be operated at an average speed of not less than eighteen knots per hour, and shall be constructed so as to be thoroughly seaworthy and capable of making the passage between the said ports in any weather.

17. The Company shall construct and equip a twin-engine ferry steamship capable of carrying ten laden freight cars of standard gauge and load capacity of 30,000 lbs each, and maintain and operate the same between the said ports at least one round trip per day from and after the time of the completion thereof. Such ferry steamship shall have and shall be operated at an average speed of nine miles per hour, and shall be constructed so as to be thoroughly seaworthy and capable of making the passage between the said ports in any weather.

18. The Company shall at Sidney or other port of Vancouver Island and at its Coast terminal point or port on the Mainland of British Columbia acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise sufficient lands and the lands, and shall build or provide and shall maintain and operate such wharves, docks, slips, sheds, warehouses and depots and, lay down such tracks and provide and maintain all such other buildings and terminal works as shall be necessary for the accommodation, transfer and transportation on and over the said railway of the Company of all classes of traffic, both freight and passenger.

19. The Company shall make traffic arrangements and enter into contracts with at least one of the transcontinental railways crossing the line of the railway for the exchange of traffic and equipment, so that all traffic, both passenger and freight, may be carried over the railway of the company on the Mainland and the railway of the said transcontinental line without transferring traffic from the railway passenger coaches or freight cars respectively of the Company or of the said transcontinental railway respectively.

20. The Mayor for the time being of the City of Victoria shall, ex-officio, be a director of the Company so long as the Corporation shall hold any shares in the Company.

21. From and after the first day of September, 1901, the Company shall at the request of the City of Victoria being called upon to pay any interest upon the bonds of the Victoria & Saanich Railway under the By-law in aid of the Victoria & Saanich Railway Company finally adopted by the Municipal Council on the 20th day of July, 1902, indemnify and save harmless the Corporation from any and all such payments thereafter to become due and payable under and by virtue of the said By-law, and of and from all claims or demands in respect thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals and the Corporation has caused its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed the day and date first above written, and whereas, it is expedient and necessary to raise a sum of money for the purpose of subscribing as mentioned in the said Agreement, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars towards the capital of the Company and for that purpose to raise the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) to be raised annually by rate for payment of the new debt and interest

And whereas the whole rateable land and improvements or real property in the said Corporation of the City of Victoria, according to the last revised Assessment Roll for the year 1899, is \$13,097,814.1; And whereas it will require an annual rate of two mills and seven-eighths of a mill in the dollar for paying such new debt and interest;

And whereas this By-law shall not be altered or repealed except with the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council; And whereas a Petition under section 60 of the "Municipal Clauses Act" has been presented to the Municipal Council signed by the owners of more than one-tenth of the value of the real property in the said City requesting the said Council to introduce a By-law with the hereinbefore recited objects;

Therefore the Municipal Council

THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Feb. 19—8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.

A low area of considerable energy now covers the province and the adjoining states of Washington and Oregon, and is causing unsettled weather and heavy rainfall on the coast. Snow is falling at Kamloops and Qu'Appelle. The pressure in the Northwest has much decreased and is central in Saskatchewan, but gradually moving to the southward.

TEMPERATURES.

	Miles.	Max.
Victoria.....	38	44
New Westminster.....	30	36
Kamloops.....	14	30
Barkerville.....	8	30
Calgary.....	8	2
Winnipeg.....	2	14
Portland, Ore.....	34	48
San Francisco.....	46	54

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 p.m. (Pacific time),
Tuesday:
Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to high southerly and western winds; unsettled, with showers.

Lower Mainland—Fresh winds; unsettled, with rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

	SUNDAY, Feb. 19.	Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.....	37	Mean.....	39
Noon.....	40	Highest.....	43
5 p.m.....	42	Lowest.....	35

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.....	5 miles north.
Noon.....	3 miles north.
5 p.m.....	Calm.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Rain—0.1 inch.

Barometer at noon—Observed.....30.050

Corrected.....30.009

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected.....30.02

MONDAY, Feb. 19.

	Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.....	38	Mean.....
Noon.....	41	Highest.....
5 p.m.....	41	Lowest.....

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.....	4 miles north.
Noon.....	5 miles north.
5 p.m.....	12 miles southeast.

Average state of weather—Cloudy with showers.

Rain—0.06 inch.

Sunshine—30 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.632

Corrected.....29.650

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected.....29.42

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Charming from Vancouver:

Mr. King.	Mrs. Adams.
Geo. McL. Brown.	J. H. S. Matson.
McL. Brown.	E. A. Morris.
A. Lucas.	J. D. Hands.
C. E. Tisdale.	Thos. Kidd.
A. McPherson.	T. Turner.
C. W. Munro.	L. J. Hoscovitz.
Thos. Foster.	G. M. Leisemann.
Big McPherson Co.	Miss Ross.

By steamer Victorian from the Sound:

P. M. Phillips.	Jas. Dunsmuir.
A. MacKinnon.	E. E. Blackwood.
P. Troubridge.	F. M. Smith.
Mrs. Francis.	C. E. Smith.
G. A. Carleton.	J. H. Fritz.
H. Hirschbaum.	C. M. Fritz.
C. Schley.	Mrs. Woodruff.
A. H. B. McGowan.	C. H. Barrett.
D. Harvey.	N. C. March.
R. W. Dunsmuir.	T. McDonald.
G. H. Denley.	H. P. Heath.
Mrs. Carmichael.	J. M. Heath.
J. Glendon.	Joe Lawrence.
H. M. Rittner.	Wm. Collins.

By steamer Louise from Westminster:

R. Byrn.	G. Copeland.
R. J. Ker.	G. P. Payne.
H. A. Munro.	L. Lamare.
J. Y. Ryecheater.	Mrs. Lamare.
G. Goble.	E. Lyndon.
A. Charleston.	M. Goad.
R. Henderson.	F. Brennan.
M. McLean.	J. Nichols.
H. Maryens.	G. Hayter.
W. A. McLeod.	Mrs. W. M. Robson.
F. LaPointe.	Rev. Canon Paddon.

CONSIGNEES.

By steamer Charming from Vancouver:

Dean & Hiscocks.	J. Meston.
Weller Bros.	H. B. Co.
W. A. Knight.	J. Perry & Co.
L. Spencer.	R. E. Cooper.
Colinist.	C. G. Co.
H. C. Market Co.	G. J. Daniels.
Ames Holden Co.	P. W. Dempster.
L. Fullerton.	R. W. Foster & Wks.
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Harber Bros.	W. Bowness.
W. Smyth.	Naval Storekeeper.
J. H. Baker.	J. Gaudin.
Mrs. M. A. Vigor.	Abbot Iron Wks.
H. E. Munday.	R. L. Ryley & Co.
G. C. Jobling Co.	S. Leiser & Co.
Lenz & Leiser.	Geo. Watson.
F. R. Jackson.	H. C. Watson.
Allen & Co.	Henders in Bros.
Peterson Shoe Co.	Don. Ex. Co.

By steamer Victorian from the Sound:

W. Johnston.	C. R. & S. Co.
Sea & Gowen.	R. P. R. & Co.
Hutchinson & Co.	W. Vervilya.
H. Young.	V. L. & Brooks.
W. A. Jamieson.	W. Foster & Wks.
Ames Holden Co.	Vic. Novelty Wks.
P. McQuade & Son.	Nicholles & R.
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Pell & Co.	Onions & Plimley.
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A. Lamare.	C. R. King.
F. Elworth.	Brown & Cooper.
Thos. Earle & Co.	A. Knight.
J. Y. Griffin & Co.	

THE GRIPPE IN PARIS.

Paris, Feb. 17.—Paris has not escaped the grippe, which has been so prevalent in Europe this season. President Loubet has been one of its victims, and Bernhardt has been obliged to abandon a performance in its midst and return the tickets to the audience. She was only absent from the stage two days, however. Several operas have been postponed on account of the indisposition of the artists. The unseasonable character of the winter has aided the progress of the influenza.

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Redistribution As Proposed.

Government Allot to Other Districts Seats of Two Deserted Supporters.

Esquimalt to Lose One Member and Victoria District Also Reduced.

The following is the text of the redistribution bill laid upon the table in the legislature yesterday, and to be formally considered to-day:

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia, enact as follows:

1. This act may be cited as the "Redistribution Act, 1900."

2. Sub-section (4) of section 5 of chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, 1897, as enacted by section 4 of chapter 38 of the Statutes of 1898, is hereby repealed, and the following sub-section is substituted therefor:

"YALE ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

"(4) All that tract of land contained within the following boundaries, viz.:

"Commencing at a point on the 49th parallel of latitude, being the south-east corner of Westminster Electoral District; thence due north along said parallel of latitude to the main Kettle River, in Township seventy-four (74), Osoyoos Division of Yale District; thence due north along the centre line of the Kettle River, and of the river flowing out of the Kettle River, thence northerly, following the centre line of Christina Lake to its northern end; thence north-easterly to McRae's Pass, on the height of land; thence northerly by a line following the height of land to Inuvik Creek; thence northerly in a course parallel to the general course of the Columbia River and distant from it about ten miles, following the summit of the mountains dividing the waters running into the Columbia River from those flowing to the west, to a point on the 52nd parallel of latitude; thence due west along said parallel to its intersection with the meridian passing through the mouth of Tranquille River, Kamloops Lake; thence due south along said parallel of latitude to a point twelve miles north of the mouth of the said Tranquille River; thence west to the 114th mile post on the Yale-Cariboo Road; thence south-westerly on a right line to a point on the Fraser River just north of Watkinson's Ranch, on the eastern boundary of Lillooet Electoral District; thence south on a right line following the eastern boundary, in part, of Lillooet Electoral District and the eastern boundary of Westminster Electoral District to the place of commencement, shall constitute one Electoral District, to be designated 'Yale Electoral District,' and shall be divided into four Ridings as follows, each of which shall return one member, viz.:

"West Riding of Yale District.

"All that tract of land situated within the Electoral District of Yale which lies to the west and south of the following line, viz.:

"Commencing at a point on the northern boundary of the Electoral District of Yale, one mile east of Copper Creek; thence in a southerly direction, parallel to the said creek, to a point on the north bank of Kamloops Lake; thence crossing said lake to a point on the south side thereof, situated two miles east of the mouth of Three-Mile Creek; thence in a southerly direction to a point three miles west of the foot of Nicola Lake; thence in a southerly direction to a point one mile east of the foot of Nicola Lake; thence in a southerly direction to a point two miles north-west of Princeton; thence due east to the intersection of the 120th meridian; thence due south along said meridian to the 49th parallel.

"South Riding of Yale District.

"Commencing at a point where the 120th meridian intersects the 49th parallel of latitude; thence due north to a point on the said meridian situated due east of Princeton; thence east on a right line to the foot of Okanagan Lake; thence due east to the summit of the mountain range, about ten miles west of the foot of Okanagan Lake; thence in a southerly direction, following the summit of the mountain range, about ten miles west of the Lower Arrow Lake; thence in a southerly direction, following the summit of the mountain range, to the intersection of the 120th meridian; thence in a right line to the southern end of Christina Lake to the southern end thereof; thence along the outlet of Christina Lake to the Kettle River; thence following the Kettle River to the International Boundary; thence due west along the International Boundary to point of commencement.

"East Riding of Yale District.

"All that tract of land situated in the said District which lies to the east and south of the following line, and not included in the South Riding of Yale District, viz.:

"Commencing at the point of intersection of the northern boundary of South Yale Riding with the 120th meridian; thence due north along said meridian to the mouth of Salmon River; thence north-easterly on a right line to a point two miles east of the mouth of Salmon River, on Shuswap Lake; thence due east to the western boundary of Kootenay District.

"North Riding of Yale District.

"All the remaining tract of land within the said District which is not included in the other Ridings here mentioned."

3. Sub-section (5) of said section 5 of chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, 1897, as enacted by section 4 of chapter 38 of the Statutes of 1898, is hereby repealed, and the following sub-section is substituted therefor:

"(5) That tract of land situated within the following boundaries, viz.:

"Commencing at the north-east corner of Westminster Electoral District; thence north to a point on the Fraser River just north of Watkinson's Ranch; thence north-easterly to the 114th mile post, on

the Yale-Cariboo Road; thence due east to the intersection of the 120th meridian, which passes through the mouth of Tranquille River; thence due north along said meridian to its intersection with the 52nd parallel of latitude; thence due west along said parallel of latitude to the 125th meridian; thence due south along said meridian to the 51st parallel of latitude; thence due east along said parallel to the 124th meridian; thence due south following said meridian along the eastern boundary of Comox Electoral District to the north-west corner of Westminster Electoral District; thence due east along the northern boundary of Westminster Electoral District to the point of commencement, shall constitute one Electoral District, to be designated 'Lillooet Electoral District,' and shall return one member."

4. Sub-section (6) of said section 5 of said chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, 1897, as enacted by section 5 of chapter 38 of the Statutes of 1898, is hereby repealed, and the following sub-section is substituted therefor:

"WEST KOOTENAY ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

"(6) All that tract of land bounded on the west by the eastern boundary of Yale District, up to the north-east corner thereof, and thence by a line (being also the boundary of the said Cariboo Electoral District) following the general course of the Columbia River, and distant from it about ten miles, to the intersection of Canoe River; on the east by a line down Canoe River to the Columbia River; thence in a southerly direction to the dividing ridge of the Selkirk Range of Mountains; thence following said dividing ridge in a southerly direction to the summit of Rogers Pass; thence in a south-easterly direction following the watershed nearest the Upper Columbia River to the 50th parallel of north latitude; thence in a southerly direction following the watershed nearest to the International Boundary Line, shall constitute one Electoral District, to be designated 'West Kootenay Electoral District,' and shall be divided into six Ridings, as follows, each of which shall return one member, viz.:

"Revelstoke Riding of West Kootenay District.

"Shall comprise all that portion of the said District of West Kootenay which lies to the north of a line commencing at the point where the watershed of the said District intersects the height of land between Fish Creek and Duncan River; thence southerly along the said height of land to the southern watershed of Battle Creek; thence following said watershed to a point on Fish Creek, at its junction with McDougall Creek; thence westerly along the northern watershed of McDougall Creek to the height of land between McDougall Creek and Kalkreek Creek, commonly called Isaac Creek; thence in a south-westerly direction along the south watershed of Isaac Creek to a point on the Columbia River two miles south of the mouth of said Isaac Creek; thence westerly to the western boundary of West Kootenay District."

"Lardeau Riding of West Kootenay District.

"Shall comprise all that portion of the said District of West Kootenay which is bounded on the north by the Revelstoke Riding; on the west by the District of Yale; on the south by a line commencing at the point where the western boundary of the said District of West Kootenay intersects the height of land between the said tributaries; thence along the said height of land, following down the said creek, to Lower Arrow Lake and the centre line thereof; thence northerly, along the centre line of Lower Arrow Lake, to a point opposite the height of land south of Cariboo Creek; thence along the height of land to the south of Cariboo Creek and its tributaries, and following the said height of land to the intersection of the said height of land with the watershed of Upper Arrow Lake, and the height of land between Poplar Creek and Cascade Creek, to the Lardeau River, at a point halfway between Trout Lake and Kootenay Lake; thence northerly, along the height of land between Duncan River and Trout Lake; thence northerly along the summit to the head-waters of the Duncan River; thence due east to the eastern boundary of West Kootenay District."

"Slocan Riding of West Kootenay District.

"Shall comprise all that portion of the said District of West Kootenay which is bounded on the north by the Revelstoke Riding; on the west by the Columbia River; on the south by the Columbia and Kootenay Rivers and the west arm of Kootenay Lake; thence northerly, by a line following the western watershed of Yuill Creek; to its summit; thence along the height of land between Kootenay Lake and Lardeau River on the east, and Shuswap River and Slocan Lake on the west, to a point on the southern boundary of the Lardeau Riding."

"Kaslo Riding of West Kootenay District.

"Shall comprise all that portion of the said District of West Kootenay which is bounded on the west by the Revelstoke Riding, and Slocan Ridings; on the south by the western arm of Kootenay Lake, commencing at a point one mile west of Yuill Creek, and by a line running from the mouth of the said west arm to the mouth of Crawford Bay; thence to the mouth of Gray's Creek; and thence due north to the eastern boundary of West Kootenay District; on the east and north by the said east boundary of West Kootenay District."

"Nelson Riding of West Kootenay District.

"Shall comprise all that portion of the said District of West Kootenay lying to the south of the Slocan and Kaslo Ridings of West Kootenay and east of the Columbia River."

"Rossland Riding of West Kootenay District.

"Shall comprise all that portion of the said District of West Kootenay which lies west of the Columbia River and Arrow Lake, and to the south of the line commencing at a point where the western boundary

of West Kootenay District intersects the height of land lying to the south of Inuvik Creek and its tributaries.

5. Sub-section (8) of said section 5 of the Revised Statutes, 1897, is hereby amended by striking out the words 'and shall return two members,' at the end thereof, and by substituting therefor the following, 'and shall be divided into two Ridings, as follows, each of which shall return one member, viz.:

"NORTH RIDING OF CARIBOO DISTRICT.

"Commencing at the point of intersection of the 124th meridian with the said parallel of latitude; thence due east to the Fraser River; thence south along the Fraser River to the mouth of the Quennele River; thence along the Quennele River to the south of the said river; thence along the south fork of said river to Quennele Lake; thence along the centre line of Quennele Lake to the 121st meridian, and following the same north to the point of intersection with the 53rd parallel of latitude; thence east to the summit of the Rockies; thence northerly to the point of intersection with the 120th meridian; thence due north along said meridian to the 60th parallel of latitude; thence due west and along the said parallel to the 124th meridian; thence due south to the point of intersection with the 53rd parallel of latitude."

"SOUTH RIDING OF CARIBOO DISTRICT.

All that portion of Cariboo electoral district not embraced in the North riding of said district.

6. Sub-sections (11) and (12) of said section 5 of chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, 1897, are hereby repealed, and the following sub-section is substituted therefor:

"SAANICH ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

"(12) All those tracts of land other than and except Victoria City Electoral District, hereinafter mentioned, comprised within the Victoria, Lake, South Saanich and North Saanich Districts, as defined on the official maps of those Districts now deposited in the Land Office, Victoria, and which maps are designated, respectively, 'Victoria District Official Map, 1858,' 'Lake District, 1859,' 'South Saanich, 1874,' together with Sidney and Juan Islands, and all adjacent islands lying south of a line drawn east and west through the northernmost point of North Saanich District, shall constitute one Electoral District, to be designated 'Saanich Electoral District,' and return one member."

7. Sub-section (13) of said section 5 of chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, 1897, is hereby amended by striking out the words, 'and return two members,' at the end thereof, and by substituting therefor, 'and return one member.'

8. Sub-section (14) of said section 5 of chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, 1897, as enacted by section 8 of chapter 38 of the Statutes of 1898, is hereby repealed, and the following sub-section is substituted therefor:

"COWICHAN ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

"(14) That tract of land contained within the following boundaries, viz.:

"Commencing at a point on the west shore of Saanich Inlet, being the south-east corner of Shaughnessy District; thence in a northerly direction following the coast line to a point at Stewart Channel, about one mile north of Horseshoe Bay, being the northeast corner of Chemainus District; thence due west along the northern boundary of Chemainus District, and on a line in continuation thereof to its intersection with the boundary of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company's land grant; thence to a point where the said westerly boundary of the said Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company's land grant crosses the N. S. River; thence due east along the N. S. River, and its intersection with the northern boundary of Esquimalt Electoral District; thence due east along the said northern boundary of the said Esquimalt Electoral District to the place of commencement, together with Salt Spring, Galiano, Mayne, Pender, Saturna, Samuel, Jumbo, Moreby, Portland, Provost and Narrows Islands, and all islets adjacent thereto not being comprehended within any other Electoral District, shall constitute one Electoral District, to be designated the 'Cowichan Electoral District,' and return one member."

9. Sub-sections (15), (16) and (17) of said section 5 of the Revised Statutes, 1897, as enacted by sections 10, 11 and 12 of chapter 38 of the Statutes of 1898, are hereby repealed, and the following sub-sections are substituted therefor:

"NANAIMO CITY ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

"(15) That tract of land comprised within the municipality of the limits of the City of Nanaimo, viz.:

"Commencing at the northeast corner of the Indian Reserve at Nanaimo Harbour; thence in a northerly direction following the line between the shore line, to the southeast corner of Millstone River Bridge; thence to the northeast corner of said bridge; thence following the shore line in a northerly direction to the northeast corner of Lot twenty-one (21), Block two (2), as shown on the Official Map of Newcastle Town; thence in a westerly direction straight along the northern boundaries of Blocks one (1) and two (2), for a distance of about fifteen (15) chains and fifty (50) links; thence at right angles, in a southerly direction, straight to the left bank of Millstone River; thence following said left bank, in a westerly direction, to a point opposite the northwest corner of Lot eleven (11), Block forty-seven (XLVII), Nanaimo Town, as shown upon the map deposited in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, on the 30th day of November, 1898; thence crossing said river to the northwest corner of Lot eleven (11), Block forty-seven (XLVII), as shown on the said map; thence in a southerly direction, along the western boundaries of Lots eleven (11), ten (10), nine (9), eight (8), seven (7), six (6), five (5), and three (3), Block forty-seven (XLVII), to the Comox Road; thence in a north-westerly direction, along the north side of said road for a distance of about twenty (20) chains, to a point opposite the northwest corner of Lot three (3), Block T, on the said map; thence south-westerly, along the western boundaries of Blocks three (3), two (2), and one (1), Block T, Lots two (2) and one (1), Block S, Lots four (4), three (3), and one (1), Block R; Lots four (4), three (3), two (2), and one (1), Block Q; Lots five (5), four (4), three (3), two (2), and one (1), Block P, crossing Campbell, Wenatch, Fitzwilliam and Franklin streets; thence in a southeasterly direction, crossing Albert Street and running along the southern boundaries of Lots four (4), three (3), two (2), and one (1), Block D, crossing Heaton Street; thence in a southerly direction, crossing Victoria and Nicol Streets, to the southwest corner of Lot one (1), Block D; thence along the southern boundary of Lot one (1), Block D, and Lot one (1), Block B, crossing Halliburton Street to the southeast corner of the said Lot one (1), Block B; thence in a northerly direction, along the eastern boundaries of said Lot one (1), Block B, and Lots four (4), three (3),

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